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GREAT DEMOCRATIC RALLY

WINTER MEETING

Middlesex North Held Annual Session in Dracut

The public winter meeting of the state board of agriculture for lectures and discussions, opened at Grange hall, Dracut Centre, this forenoon, and will continue today, tomorrow and Thursday.

This meeting is of great interest to the big farmer as well as the market gardener and before the noon hour today the hall was well filled. Lowell and all of the surrounding towns were represented.

These meetings have been held every year from the beginning of the work of the state board and were the first instances in this state of vocational instruction outside of educational institutions. The state board holds this meeting as the result of an invitation extended by the Middlesex North society last winter.

J. Lewis Ellsworth, secretary of the state board of agriculture, called to order and introduced Rep.-elect George H. Stevens, who gave the address of welcome. Mr. Stevens said many nice things about the Middlesex North and paid high tribute to the memory of the late Arthur H. Clew, who was president of the Middlesex North society. Mr. Stevens spoke of the educational side of the society, and said that the good it was doing would be made more manifest in years to come.

Response to Mr. Stevens' words of welcome was made by Mr. John Bursley, second vice president of the state board. Mr. Bursley spoke somewhat reminiscently and told of his early introduction into the society's ranks. Mr. Bursley was made the president of the society.

Mr. H. B. Fullerton, after his interesting remarks, introduced as the speaker of the forenoon, Mr. H. B. Fullerton, superintendent of agricultural development of the Long Island railroad. Mr. Bursley is a typical foreigner. His subject was "Market Gardening," and he said in the beginning that he was liable to hear the English language all to pieces. "I am liable to use slang."

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NOTICE, EAGLES

A special meeting of Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 223, will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at Foresters hall, Middle street. Important special business will be considered.

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BIG RATIFICATION

Boomed Candidacy of Meehan and Democratic Ticket

Rousing Speeches by Defeated Aspirants for the Nomination — Hon. James B. Casey and Candidate Meehan — The Mayor's Official Acts Criticized — His Claim of Having Reduced the Tax Rate Refuted — Mr. Meehan Pledged Only to the Best Interests of Lowell

The democratic rally held last evening in Associate hall outlived anything of a political nature ever held in Lowell since the days of the lamented Butler, of undying memory, when Lowellians without regard to party turned out to do him honor. Not since Butler's time has such a great gathering assembled under one roof at a political meeting nor has there been such unanimity of feeling nor such genuine and general enthusiasm as was evidenced for over two hours last evening. Each defeated candidate received an equal and a pronounced meed of applause, while the climax was reached when the standard bearer of the party, John F. Meehan, was introduced. The enthusiasm was infectious and many reputations were found themselves cheering with their democratic brethren as the different speakers set forth their salient points.

No hand nor flaming torches were needed to drum up the crowd and when the speakers arrived at the hall every seat and every available inch of standing room was taken while the rooms near the stage were also crowded. "It reminded me of the Butler campaign," remarked an elderly man as he left the hall, referring to the size of the audience.

Throughout the evening with every clique and faction of the democratic party represented both on the platform and in the audience not one discordant note was heard and for once in a long time a thoroughly united party greeted its leader.

Ex-Mayor Casey hit the nail on the head when he said: "On next Tuesday there will be no majority and no minority of the democratic party but our united party."

The speakers assembled in the reception room and amid great applause marched to the stage at 8 o'clock. Upright in the center of the democratic city committee, James F. Owens, who presided; John F. Meehan, Hon. James B. Casey, Major Robert J. Crowley, James E. O'Donnell, William E. Maloney, James J. Dacey, Alderman Jeremiah Connors, T. A. D. Sullivan, Edward H. Foy, candidate for purchasing agent; Alex. E. Rountree, Owen E. Brennan, Henry Draper, John P. O'Hare, Murley Lyons, ex-Councilman Patrick Welch and others, in the ante-rooms were the other aldermanic candidates and many of the candidates for the common council.

Mr. Kennedy called to order and after expressing his pleasure at beholding such a fine attendance introduced the presiding officer, Mr. Owens.

James F. Owens, Chairman. Mr. Owens stated that the democratic party has just finished the most celebrated caucus contest in many years and had finished with perfect harmony in the ranks. "A vigorous contest was waged," he said, "but today finds all in harmony to elect an entire ticket on election day. We are all interested in good government and an economical administration of affairs. Men should be nominated who can distinguish between right and wrong. You have nominated a good ticket and have placed at its head a man who is able to distinguish between right and wrong and who is eminently fitted to represent you as chief executive of the city of Lowell."

The first speaker introduced was James E. O'Donnell, who received a most cordial greeting. Mr. O'Donnell spoke in part as follows: "We should all be proud of this grand meeting for it is a ratification in full sense of the word. I was a candidate for the nomination but the democratic party in their good sound judgment picked a better man. I have been a voter 12 years and have always voted the democratic ticket. I am here tonight because I want to tell you that I am a good loser and will work for the success of Mr. Meehan and the entire democratic ticket. Each defeated candidate must work hard for the entire party ticket. We must earnestly abide by the result of the caucus. If every man will do his work there is no question."

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BOARD OF POLICE
TO GIVE HEARING AT ITS OFFICE TONIGHT

The board of police will meet in regular session tonight and besides transacting the routine business which will be presented, will give a hearing to Anastasio Houtzou, who conducts a coffee house in Market street.

On the night of Nov. 29 a squad of police visited the coffee house and arrested 15 men. The majority of the men were playing cards for money, it is alleged, and all were found guilty and fined.

M. T. I. BUILDING COMMITTEE
A well attended meeting of the building committee of the Mathew Temperance Institute was held last night in the rooms of the organization in Dutton street. The report of the treasurer of the moving pictures was read and it was of such a gratifying nature that it was voted to turn the proceeds of the shows this week to the society treasury.

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ONE MAN SHOT

At the Six Days' Race in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Two thousand spectators at the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden were startled today by the report of a pistol shot from behind the tier of boxes. There was a semi-panic and a rush to the scene and when quiet was restored it was found that two men had started a fight and that in the melee which ensued a man in the crowd had been shot.

The wounded man, whose injuries are not serious, is Christopher Brown, otherwise known to Tag Wilson, a pugilist. He says he interfered in a fight between the men and does not know who shot him.

Bert Keyes, a prizefighter, formerly of Philadelphia, was taken into custody by the police. He denies having fired the shot but the police held him pending an investigation.

CITY HALL NEWS
Board of Health Wants More Money

"Broke, broke, absolutely broke," is the song that they are singing at the office of the board of health today. The board needs \$4859.75 in order to place out the appropriation for the year, and it is up to the committee on appropriations and the city council to do something or else work in the department will have to be stopped.

The department needs money for office salaries, labor and sundries and at the present time it looks as though there will be no pay day in that department this week.

The state aid is also looking for money, the chief of that department feeling that \$2500 will carry him through.

The committee on appropriations will meet tonight and take action on the communications for money sent by the health and state aid departments.

Aldermen to Meet
The regular meeting of the board of aldermen will be held tonight and the principal business to come before that body will be action on the business sent up by the committee on appropriations.

The committee on accounts met this afternoon in the office of the auditor for the purpose of approving bills.

The committee on lands and buildings will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PAINTER FELL
MR. HOLMES OF PARKER STREET FELL FROM LADDER

Lucien G. Holmes, residing at 215 Parker street, while painting a house in C street this morning, fell from a ladder and injured his back and broke his wrist. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell General hospital where he received treatment.

DEATHS
LANDRY—Henri Landry, for several years janitor at Huntington hall, and well known in this city, died Saturday at his home in Three Rivers, Que., he leaves a wife and a daughter, Blanche; three brothers, Alfred and John Landry of Salem, Dr. Victor E. Landry of Beaconsfield, Que., and seven sisters, Mrs. Joseph Lamoureux, Mrs. Oliver J. David and Miss Marie Landry of this city, Mrs. Emeline Brown and Mrs. Joseph Dubreuil of Stoke Center, Que., Mrs. Leon Lamoureux of Montreal, and Rev. Sister Marie-de-la-croix of the order of Jesus and Mary, of Tampa, Florida.

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BIG RATIFICATION

Continued

tion that we will be successful and we have one of the best tickets ever nominated to support. I shall work until polls close on election day for John F. Meehan and the democratic ticket and I pledge you, my friends, will do likewise.

Major R. J. Crowley

Major Robert J. Crowley was the next speaker and he, too, received a fine greeting. He spoke in part as follows:

Looking at this magnificent gathering it appears to me that it was worth while being a candidate even if unsuccessful. This is such a gathering as I haven't seen in years.

The promises of the candidates made before the caucuses have borne good fruit. When the democrats before the caucuses conduct their campaigns as they did we can have success on election day. I said before the caucuses that the man who won the nomination should have the full support of all. There was no logical candidate. Every candidate had a perfect right to run and now every candidate and his friends should support the winner. Nobody has any right or excuse not to support the standard bearer of the party. I, too, am here to verify the statements made by me previously, that I would support that nominee whoever he might be. It was one of the finest campaigns ever conducted. Mr. Meehan did just what I'd do. He got all the votes he could. If this audience doesn't prove that we have a united party we'll never win an election in the next 20 years. I said before the caucuses that any one of the democratic candidates were more capable of filling the office than the republican candidate and I say that there can be no comparison between them as to ability. Previous to November 28 your mayor was an investigator, but now he is a financial king. One would believe he was on a par with Rockefeller and Morgan. He talks about saving \$100,000 as though it were a cent. Where did he ever save a large amount of money? He has no more to do with the water department expenditures and savings than the minister to Dahomey. The expenditures of the water department this year were \$45,000 less than a year ago and he says the water department ought to be investigated.

In the street department a saving has been made and yet he has been trying all year to remove the superintendent. He did make a saving in one department and I will give him credit for it. He investigated the police department at an expense to the city of about \$14,000, but he saved money in this department by refusing to allow a telephone in the home of the superintendent of police and he also refused to allow the superintendent an 80 cent stamp. But we don't hear him bragging about saving \$3000 in the charity department. He will not take the credit of saving that money. He is proud of it. We have wards who have settlements in this city, people who have fought the battle of life and have failed and who are forced to go to our city institution. But this economical

charity board of Mayor Brown's own creation cut down the food supply and the blankets and sheets of these poor people. If a man is tubercular, instead of this board providing a tubercular ward for his care, he is sent to the state infirmary, where the rift fat of creation is assembled, and is there treated, despite the fact that he has a settlement in Lowell and is entitled by law to decent care from the city. It is cheaper to send the poor unfortunate there than to furnish a tubercular ward at the city institution. Feeble minded people are sent to Danvers with all kinds of insane, because they can be kept there a little cheaper. Nothing that I have said has been denied. He has not removed Harry W. J. Howe, and until he does I shall believe Mr. Howe's statements. If you believe that a change should be made in the administration of the affairs place the stamp of condemnation upon this administration by electing the big, broad minded man at the head of our ticket, who will have the interests of all the people at heart.

equally great is your disappointment. The jail has never been filled with city hall officials, no prominent citizens have been forced to leave town and I venture to say that the people find the same kind of beer in the local saloons. Look at the charity board. One of the best superintendents in New England was removed without even a hearing and a man with absolutely no experience chosen to fill his place. I want every friend of mine to go out and support and work for the entire ticket. Don't cut your ticket, vote for every democratic and when you elect them do not be the first to criticize them. Take pride in the fact that they are in office, sustain them in their acts and show that you are not selfish and insincere.

James J. Dacey

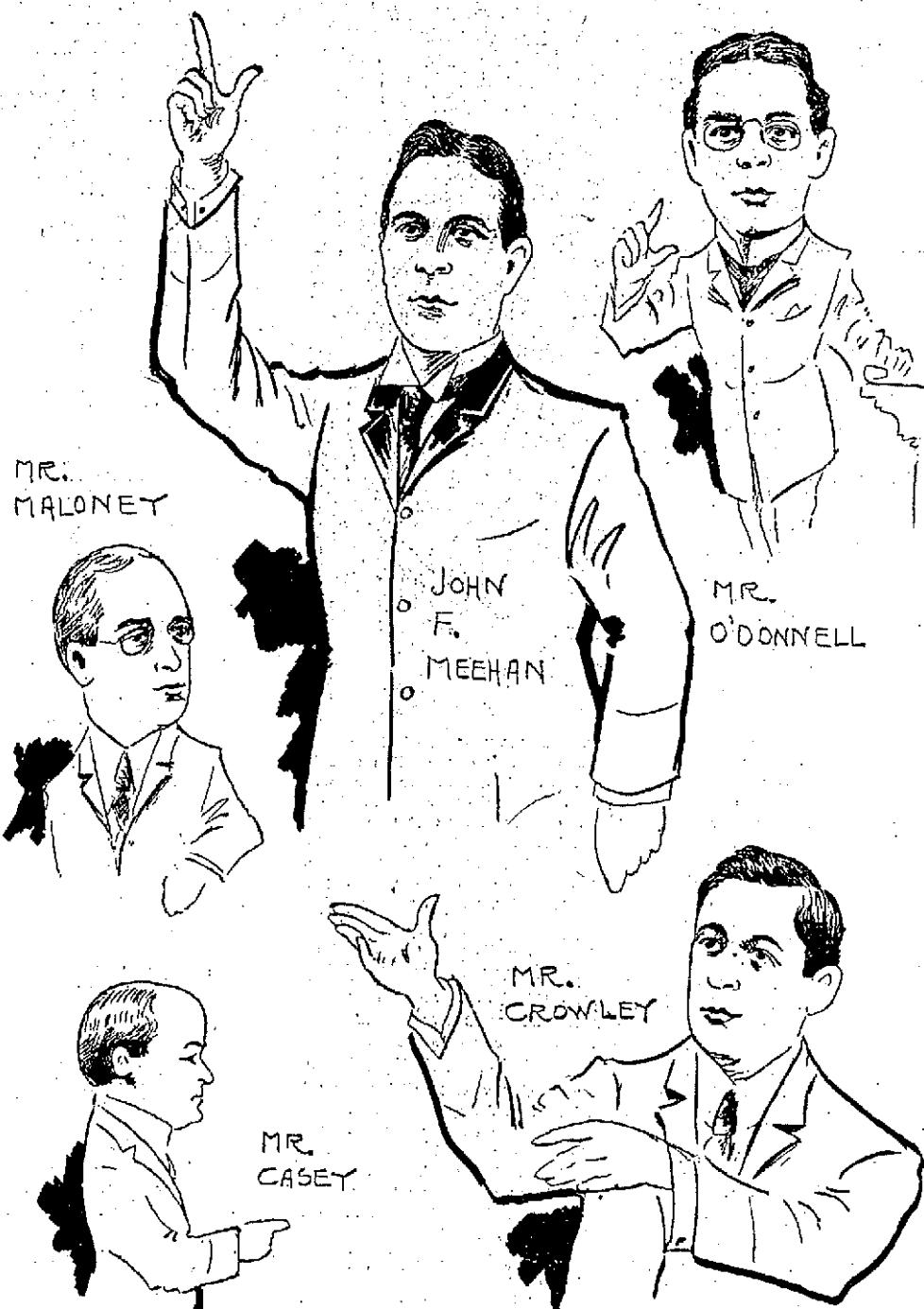
When the chairman introduced Mr. Dacey as the one man who could tell a whole lot about the mayor, the crowd cheered and Mr. Dacey was tendered a warm welcome. "I'll tell you all about the mayor in a few words," said Mr. Dacey. "He meant well at the start but he couldn't conquer the demon that was in him. He fell down. That's all

thing and mean another. Be true to your nominee and his associates on the ticket and vote straight for every democrat."

John F. Meehan

Mr. Meehan was the concluding speaker and he arose in response to the presiding officer's graceful introduction the mighty audience arose as one man and cheered him repeatedly. The length of the demonstration gave Mr. Meehan an opportunity to recover his composure which was momentarily lost in the spontaneity and depth of the enthusiasm of the great gathering and when the applause had subsided he spoke in part as follows:

I am more than thankful to you for this grand ovation, your kindly greeting and expression of good will. This large gathering without a discordant note to mar the general harmony is an assurance that the citizens are determined to scrutinize closely the candidates who have presented themselves. I feel that I am no stranger in Lowell. While I am not personally acquainted with you all I have had the honor to represent you in the legislature. Per-



SOME OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE DEMOCRATIC RALLY LAST NIGHT.

John W. Daly III

Chairman Owens at this point read a letter from John W. Daly who is seriously ill with the grip at his home, in which he tenders his congratulations and offers the support of himself and his friends to the nominees.

Hon. James B. Casey

Ex-Mayor Casey was next introduced and he received an ovation. Mr. Casey in the course of his remarks said: "There is certainly evidence of a united party here tonight. It means only one result, victory at the polls. I am pleased to assist in the unification of the party. The foundation of my success was laid by the democratic party and it would ill become me not to give my support to the party at all times. There's only one honorable and fair way to do now and that is to give John F. Meehan your unanimous support. From tonight the majority and the minority of the democratic party will unite for the success of the whole ticket. I purposely withdrew from the contest for the nomination in the interest of a united party and now let Mr. Brown beat it if he can. The same wave that swept him into office last year will sweep him out again, but this year it will be a sweep of reason and sanity instead of insanity and illusion. Elect your candidate and then give him a fair chance. The democratic office holder is nearer to the people than the republican and the demands on him are more exacting. Some are too quick and ready to find fault with their own candidate. But let us unite and show what a united party means. Forget the differences of the past and put an end to this present administration of sensationalism and conceit. All things were proclaimed to inflame the public mind and were not carried out. Great were your expectations last year and

there is to it, that's all there is to it. He got into office and then he fell. He went down and out. You have nominated a man who can control himself if elected, a man of intelligence, wisdom and ability. He will give you a proper administration of affairs. But in voting don't stop at the head of the ticket. Vote for Mr. Foye for purchasing agent, a thoroughly competent candidate, and vote for the nine democrats on the aldermanic ticket. Don't simply vote for the men you know well. Don't

happen in that way you may know something of me. I presented myself for mayor this year and I want to thank the democrats for the great distinction conferred upon me. I am the standard bearer of the party and with your assistance I will bear it on to victory.

The main question before you is which candidate are you to support. A year ago your mayor promised everything and he has accomplished practically nothing. He promised to investigate certain departments but did he do it? Look back over the past year. It is unnecessary to repeat what has been done. He has not measured up to the responsibilities of the office. Which candidate are you to support? Compare me with him in any way you desire. Compare my public record with his. The vote I received demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that my party was satisfied with my record. Judge between us intelligently and fairly and I will abide by the decision.

The mayor is appealing for votes on the ground that he reduced the tax rate 80 cents. He had absolutely nothing to do with it, while as a matter of fact, I had much to do with it. As a result of a change in the law relative to the corporation tax the city of Lowell received \$105,000, one-half of the entire corporation tax of

the state. Heretofore one-quarter of this tax went to the city or town in which the business of the corporation was done, while three-quarters went to the cities and towns in which the stockholders resided. Thus the wealthy towns of Brookline, Newton and Milton received three-quarters of the great corporation tax of industrial cities like Lowell, Lawrence, Fall River and New Bedford. Last year a bill was introduced providing that one-half instead of one-quarter of the tax go to the places in which the business of the company is carried on. I spoke and defended this bill with others with the result that it became law and the city of Lowell received the amount I have quoted. I was pleased to note that a Lowell member of the legislature proposed to introduce a bill next year providing that the entire corporation tax go to the city in which the company does business and I sincerely hope to see that bill become law. The mayor asked at the Bunting club why I didn't introduce a bill to get all the corporation tax at once. He evidently knows little of legislative work and the fact that all radical reforms must be brought about gradually.

Then another bill for which I worked hard, known as the inheritance bill, became law and as a result the city of Lowell received an inheritance tax of about \$17,000. Finally the state tax against Lowell this year was \$21,000 less than last year. These were the three causes of the reduction in Lowell's tax rate and the mayor had absolutely nothing to do with bringing any one of them about. A malicious lie has been circulated about me to the effect that I have never worked. I desire to state that I have been auditor for a large Boston firm for several years and have taught evening school in this city.

A year ago I introduced a bill in the legislature providing for the separation of the police and licensing boards and had the endorsement of the best men of the city in both parties. Mayor Brown was present at the hearing before the committee on cities but he did not speak on it. After the hearing he said to me: "I am in favor of your bill if it goes into effect on its passage." He wanted me to take off the referendum. He didn't want the people to have an opportunity to vote on it. He simply wanted an opportunity to make the appointment himself for this city. The mayor said yesterday that I intended being a candidate for mayor when I introduced this bill but such was not the case and furthermore the bill would not have gone into effect until next year so that the new mayor, whoever he might be, would not have the opportunity to make the appointments and he would have to be re-elected before he could make them.

Your mayor signed the charter bill and appeared at the hearing in the legislature. Senator Stevens, now state treasurer, who presided at the hearing, asked your mayor some questions about the bill he had signed and he didn't even know what the "Breal" was. His exposure in that instance was most humiliating for any man who had any civic pride.

Judge me not by what I promise but by what I have tried to do. I am backed by no interest and have none behind me but my friends. I am untrammelled and unpledged and appear before you without a promise to any interest except to the best interests of the whole city. I believe in getting a

greater diversity of industries in Lowell. I am heartily in favor of extending the park system for the benefit especially of the people who live in tenements in the congested districts. I most heartily favor the movement for public baths. The city of Lowell should have a place where any citizen may take a bath at little or no cost. Compare me in any manner you desire with my opponent. During my service in the legislature I have been brought in touch with public questions of great importance to cities and this experience I believe will aid me greatly in dealing with municipal problems that come up for solution by the mayor. I believe that I have sufficient ability to govern the city of Lowell properly. I promise you, if elected, to give the city a clean, honest and progressive administration so that when I have finished my term you will say that on all questions I have tried to do what was right.

After the rally Mr. Meehan shook hands with a large number of admirers and he left the hall amid loud cheering.

A NEW ACTION

Has Been Entered by Count Boni

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Count Boni de Castellane instituted a new court action today in connection with the education of his children. He asked the court to order his former wife, the present Princess de Sagan, to appoint a tutor for the youngest of the three sons, Jay, with the stipulation that the tutor shall make periodical reports of the boy's progress. The plaintiff also asks a determination of the rights of parents in the matter of escorting the two eldest sons to and from school and prays that the defendant be condemned to pay the costs of the present action.

You're Bilious!

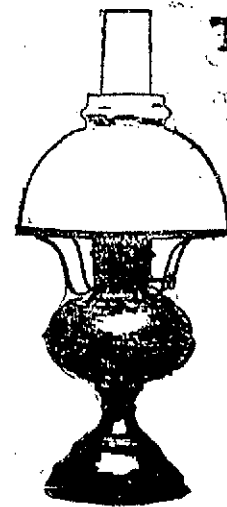
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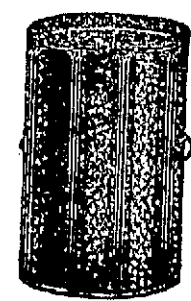
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forget Connors, or Sullivan or Rountree. Vote for the nine aldermen."

William E. Maloney

William E. Maloney was warmly received and spoke as follows: "The reasons why you should support John F. Meehan have been ably set forth by the preceding speakers and I heartily concur in all they have said. During a campaign many stories in the interest of the different candidates get circulation but once the caucuses decide the nominee all such stories should be considered as smoke and speedily forgotten. Think and think properly of the importance of this campaign to the democratic party and don't say one

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103 YEARS OLD BOWLING NEWS

John Kipp Says He Uses
Peppermint

WASHINGTON, N. J., Dec. 7.—As-
serting that peppermint is the best
substitute he knows of for tobacco and
drink, John Kipp, an inmate of the
Warren county almshouse here, is
celebrating his 103rd birthday today.
It is said that he eats as much candy
as all the other inmates of the alms-
house combined and occasionally takes
a smoke and chew.

With a memory as clear as though
he weren't half his years, Mr. Kipp
has been devoting much of his time
of late in planning to obtain a part
of Brooklyn, now thickly settled, which
he says is his by inheritance.

Despite his advanced age Mr. Kipp
is active and spry, the only infirmity
being a slight lameness as a result of
a fracture of his hip which he suffered
a few years ago.

Until five years ago Mr. Kipp lived
alone in a log house in Independence
Township. Four acres of land con-
nected with the property was titled by
this centenarian, and in spite of his
years he went into the uppermost
branches of the fruit trees upon the
place, that he might not leave any fruit
to rot.

John Kipp was married twice and
had five children by his first wife, from
whom he has not heard in seven
years. He thinks they are living in
Middletown, N. Y., where his son,
James H. Kipp, wrote him from 221
North street, on March 3, 1902. His
stepson, John Henry, is also an inmate
of the almshouse.

SHORT SEASON SCHEDULE

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—"Ban" Johnson,
president of the American baseball
league, said last night that the Amer-
ican league owners would be a unit at
the New York meeting next week for
a short season schedule and shorter
games.

He said:
"We shall try to do away with the
custom of letting the pitcher throw
four practice balls to the catcher, un-
less the pitcher has just been at bat.
I am in favor of making the schedule
of games as short as possible. Last
year seven of the American league
owners were in favor of 140 games
while the eighth wanted 164 games.
The American league was really set for
140 games; but for harmony's sake
and to save muddling up the schedule
we compromised on 154 games.
In the coming year we want a shorter
schedule."

PETITION DENIED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 7.—Govern-
or Charles S. Deneen last night denied
the petition of Frank E. Davis for re-
instatement as sheriff of Alexander
county. It was Sheriff Davis from
whom the Cairo, Illinois, mob took Wil-
liam Jones, colored, and Henry Salzer,
white, and lynched them on the
night of November 11 last. The gov-
ernor holds that Sheriff Davis did not
do all in his power to protect the
prisoners and made no forcible resis-
tance. On this ground the petition for
reinstatement is denied.

CAPTAIN CROSBY

Of the Cornell Basket-
ball Team

ITHACA, Dec. 7.—With the passing
of football interest now centers around
basketball in the big universities. In-
fact, it looks as if the strenuous in-
door pastime will be more popular
than ever. Many colleges that abolished



the game last winter have again tak-
en it up. For the past two weeks all
the five at the big universities have
been at work preparing for the hard
games to come later. In the east Cor-
nell is expected to make things warm
for its rivals. Crosby, the Ithaca's
leader, had a few green men last year
that he whipped into good shape, and
it is likely that he will have a strong
team this season. He is a first class
man himself at any position, and it is
up to him to develop the players.

Results of the Games
Last Night

Two picked teams of the Manu-
facturers league of this city went to
Boston last night, played the pick of
the Commission House league at their
own game and trimmed them. While
the Lowell bowlers are very little ac-
quainted with what are known as Bos-
ton bowlers, which differ in shape from
the candles used in this city, the Low-
ell aggregation did not have to exert
themselves very much in order to ob-
tain a victory.

The game between the first teams
of Lowell and Boston was a fast one,
the Lowell team winning by 35 pins.
Bob Fullerton of the Merrimacks, who
captained the picked team, was re-
sponsible in no small measure for the
victory for he had singles of 118, 119
and 145, with a total of 382. Kirby
with 925 was also very much in the
running. Staples of the Boston team
was high man on his team.

The game between the second teams
was won by Lowell by a wide margin.
Webster of the Lowell team was the
only man to shoot over the 300 mark.
Two games were played in the Car-
pet league last night, the Brussels fin-
ishing room team defeating the Pres-
ton weave room in one game while in
the other the Axminster finishing room
won three points from the rug room.

There were three fast games played
in the Catholic league last night. The
game between the Knights of Colum-
bus and Y. M. C. I. resulted in a vic-
tory for the Knights, who won all three
points, thereby displacing the Y. M. C.
I. from the first position in the league.
J. F. Donohoe of the winning team was
high man.

The Alpines dropped the first string
to the C. Y. M. L., but put up a garrison
finish and landed the second and third
strings.

The game between the C. M. A. C.
and Knights of Equity resulted in a
victory for the former team.

INTER-CITY CONTEST

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
Libby	87	81	73	241
Bowen	91	105	96	292
Abbott	193	86	82	361
Kirby	138	132	107	377
Fullerton	118	119	145	382
Totals	488	529	504	1521

Team One, Boston	1	2	3	T
Maynard	84	100	100	284
Young	100	100	89	289
Slapton	114	114	104	332
Hall	100	123	91	314
Stone	85	80	86	251
Totals	492	523	470	1485

Team Two, Lowell	1	2	3	T
Walsley	109	99	91	299
Webster	119	96	99	314
Staples	86	89	111	286
Griffin	102	107	84	293
Carroll	96	78	78	252
Totals	512	480	463	1455

Team Two, Boston	1	2	3	T
Small	93	80	76	249
Glavin	95	91	99	285
Putnam	83	82	88	253
Dennington	94	100	84	278
Bogardus	84	82	86	252
Totals	469	445	442	1356

CARPET MILL LEAGUE

Brussels Finishing Room

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
J. Sullivan	75	76	90	241
H. Mullen	82	85	96	263
P. Brennan	95	88	81	264
H. Sullivan	111	78	78	267
J. McKinley	86	105	83	274
Totals	449	424	429	1292

PRESTON WEAVE ROOM

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
W. Howarth	89	82	91	262
E. Kane	81	86	91	258
W. Conway	94	91	102	287
Jasper	77	72	110	259
J. Townsend	74	87	97	258
Totals	415	418	480	1313

AXMINSTER FINISHING ROOM

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
Dowd	72	72	82	226
Donnelly	86	79	88	253
McGinn	92	92	103	287
Mullin	85	81	90	256
Teague	58	81	99	238
Totals	423	400	462	1276

RUG ROOM

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
Walton	76	77	86	239
Kinnon	83	78	85	246
Howard	87	77	79	243
McCormick	87	77	85	249
Mann	87	87	76	250
Totals	420	396	371	1177

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

Alpines

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
H. Farrell	87	110	88	285
J. Devlin	79	100	99	278
Wynne	110	86	85	281
McCormack	87	80	100	267
Sub	77	83	74	234
Totals	440	473	446	1359

C. Y. M. L.

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
Fred Martin	77	82	74	233
Monahan	83	80	87	250
Grant	86	90	84	260
Royal	89	93	97	279
B. Martin	114	91	83	288
Totals	469	460	436	1365

C. M. A. C.

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
LeBrun	103	90	110	303
Levesque	76	91	77	244
McMahon	86	84	87	257
Demers	100	86	96	282
Boucher	78	77	106	261
Totals	437	428	476	1341

K. of P.

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
Boyle	84	91	84	259
Curry	91	86	97	274
Ivers	78	96	83	257
Ryan	91	70	78	239
T. Jennings	84	93	86	263
Totals	428	436	418	1282

K. of C.

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
Savage	88	107	107	302
Lane	87	87	100	274
J. J. Donohoe	89	96	96	281
Concannon	106	100	99	305
J. F. Donohoe	100	113	99	312
Totals	470	516	492	1478

Y. M. C. I.

Team One, Lowell	1	2	3	T
King	80	86	87	253
McLaughlin	83	89	86	258
Marlin	105	91	98	294
Boyle	81	92	83	256
T. F. Kelley	81	99	118	298
Totals	449	467	482	1398

ATTIL GOT DECISION

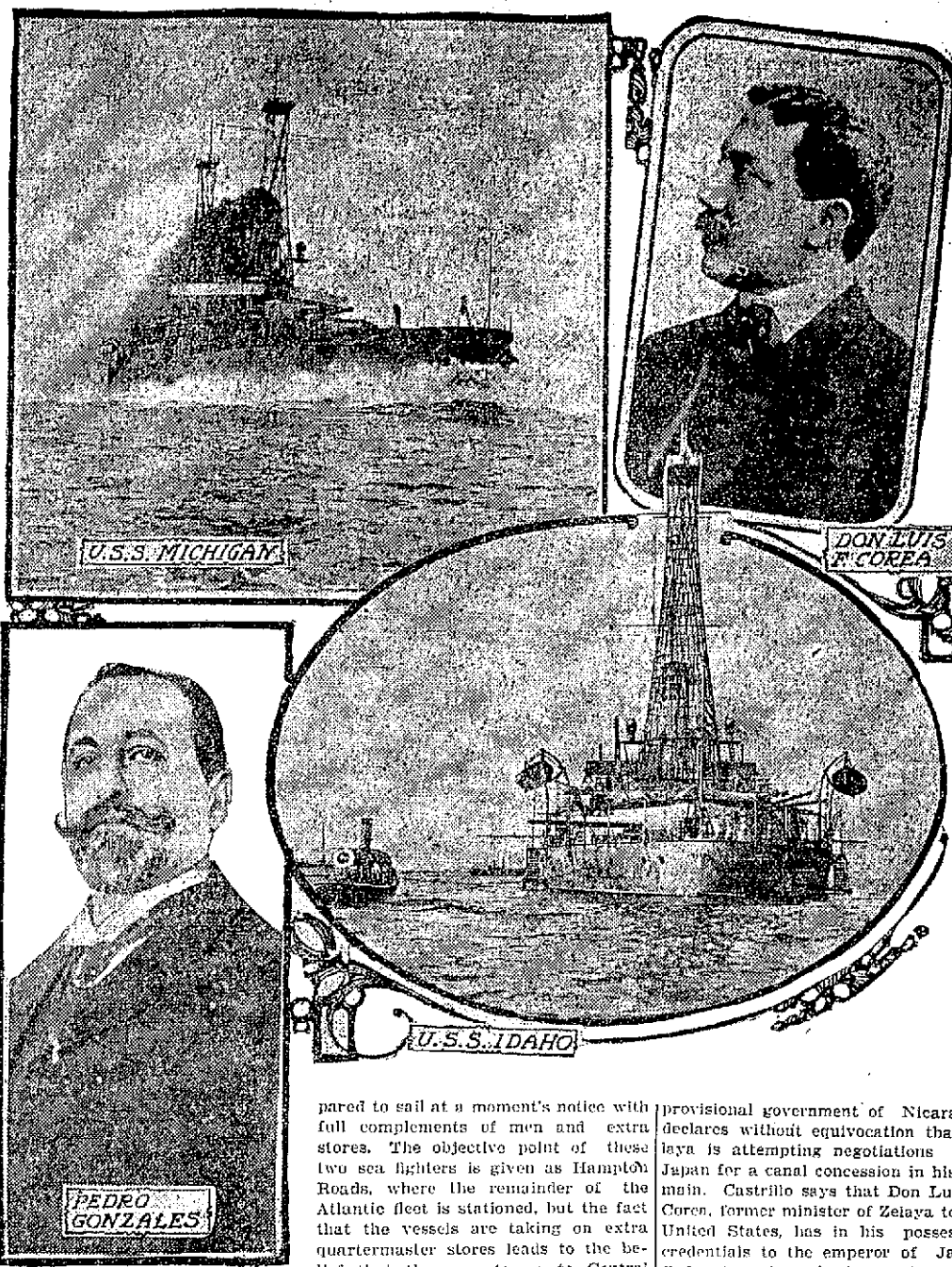
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Abu At-
tel, champion featherweight fighter of
the world, was forced to exert him-
self to the utmost to gain a decision
over Charlie White of Chicago in an
8-round contest before the Phoenix
Athletic club here last night. The
decision was unpopular.

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Wyman's Exchange

SECOND FLOOR

WARSHIPS HELD READY TO CATCH ZELAYA--
HIS TWO AGENTS NOW IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Rush orders
have been issued here for the powerful
battleships Michigan and Idaho, which
are now at Philadelphia, to be pre-

pared to sail at a moment's notice with
full complements of men and extra
stores. The objective point of these
two sea fighters is given as Hampton
Roads, where the remainder of the
Atlantic fleet is stationed, but the fact
that the vessels are taking on extra
quartermaster stores leads to the be-
lief that they are to go to Central
America. In semi-official circles it is
believed that President Zelaya of
Nicaragua is ready to flee to Belgium.
His wife is already at Antwerp. Dr.
Salvador Castillejo, representative of the

provisional government of Nicaragua,
declares without equivocation that Ze-
laya is attempting negotiations with
Japan for a canal concession in his do-
main. Castillejo says that Don Luis F.
Coron, former minister of Zelaya to the
United States, has in his possession
credentials to the emperor of Japan.
Pedro Gonzales, who is also in Wash-
ington, is credited with being the spe-
cial representative of Zelaya. His
movements, while very quiet, have at-
tracted attention, but it is declared
that he has sought no audience either
with President Taft or Secretary Knox.

CYCLE NEWS

The Bicycling World and Motorcycle
Review in its Saturday issue has a
short sketch of the riders of the differ-
ent teams competing in the six day
race which is being held at Madison
Square garden this week. Among the
sketches is the following, which is of
interest to Lowell and especially to the
friends of Pat Keegan, who is teamed
up with Frank Galvin.

Bedlam will be mild in comparison
with the noise that will be stirred up
in Madison Square garden whenever J.
Frank Galvin of New Milford, Conn.,
or Patrick Keegan of Lowell, Mass.,
start a sprint. Each of these riders
first saw the light of day in the Em-
erald Isle and it is quite natural that the
Hibernians in New York city will flock
to the course in thousands to "whoo-
h" for these wearers of Ireland's
colors. Although he has never won
any of the numerous six day races in
which he has competed, Frank Galvin
usually has been found in at the finish.
He has been riding since 1903,
and as he has been following the mo-
tors this year should be in better con-
dition now than ever before. Keegan has
been one of the quietest characters that
ever circled the ten laps garden saucer
track, and his fund of ready Irish wit
which never seems to desert him de-
spite of his usual run of hard luck, has
endured him to many. Keegan has
not competed in a race for several
years, but he feels confident that he
will acquit himself creditably this year.

CURLEY WANTS INJUNCTION

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Aldermen Curley,
at the meeting of the aldermen yes-
terday, notified the republican mem-
bers who voted to grant to the Tob-
acco company the right to lay conduits
through Elm, Union and other streets
to connect the company's Hanover
street office with its State street office,
that he will apply to the courts this
morning for an injunction to restrain
that company from working under its
permit.

This announcement was made at the
close of a long and warm debate over
the granting of the franchise. The or-
der was put through on a voice vote.
On a motion to reconsider the roll was
called. The six republicans voted
against reconsideration and the six
democrats for.

"The good government people," said
Alderman Curley, "point to men of my
type, to men of the type of a Whelan
and a Giblin, and call us gruffers, and
breach fighting to safeguard the pub-
lic interests. To speak with the greatest
charity I will say that the circum-
stances attending the granting of this
franchise are at least suspicious. I
have not been approached or asked to
vote either way on this proposition."

"I have watched this company make
its appearance in the board, something
like a couple of weeks ago, watched it
move along from stage to stage until
finally jammed through today."

Alderman Anderson, in reply, said
the reason he voted to grant the fran-
chise was because by so doing he
paved the way for open competition
with the telephone and telegraph com-
panies. Alderman O'Hare and Thibault
spoke against the franchise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leclair are re-
joicing over the arrival of a baby boy
and they have christened him Willis
Gerard. The sponsors were Mr. and
Mrs. Willis Pelletier.

NEW MINISTER

Is a Prominent Chicago
Lawyer

WASHINGTON, December 7.—Wil-
liam J. Calhoun, the probable new
minister to China, is a prominent Chi-
cago lawyer and has rendered excel-
lent diplomatic service to the country
on two former occasions. He was a
schoolmate of William McKinley, and



WILLIAM J. CALHOUN

when the latter was looking for a man
to investigate the Ruiz affair in Cuba.
Just prior to the war with Spain he
served as a close advisor pending the opening
of hostilities. Later Theodore Roosevelt
sent Mr. Calhoun to Venezuela on an
important mission. In both instances
he proved himself an able diplomat.
Calhoun from China announced that
the selection of Mr. Calhoun will be very
acceptable.

DELMONT WON

HE DEFEATED MACKAY IN 12TH
ROUND

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Al Delmont of
Boston defeated Biz Mackay of Cleve-
land, Ohio, in the last round of a 12-
round bout at the National Athletic
club last night. For 11 rounds the
fight was hard and close, but in the
12th Delmont sent Mackay to the floor
and secured a margin which gave him
the decision.

In the semi-final Dummy West of
Pawtucket, R. I., broke his wrist in
the fifth round of a bout with Yummy
Shevlin of Boston and lost the bout.
Miss Theresa Stattery and Miss Anna
Donohue have accepted positions as
clerks at Frank Leonard's jewelry store
where they will be pleased to meet
their friends.

FEROCIOUS BATTLE

Leopardess Attacked Three Men
in Norumbega Park

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—A leopardess be-
longing to the menagerie at Norum-
bega park, a pleasure resort at Au-
burndale, objected yesterday to being
led from one cage to another and at-
tacked three of the park employees.
Dashing into the open door of the
cage inside of which were the three

men, the leopardess gave them a fe-
roocious battle which was ended only
when the animal was shot dead by the
manager of the park.

The men attacked were not serious-
ly injured although their clothing was
torn into ribbons and they were seri-
ously scratched.

BOXERS IN TOWN INJURIES FATAL

Thomas and Crawford
in Fine ConditionMedical Student's Skull
Fractured

Tonight's meeting of the Gladstone
club, in Associate hall, will undoubtedly
draw a crowded house, for many
applications for membership have been
received since tonight's bill was an-
nounced. Joe Thomas, the Californian
champion, arrived in Lowell today and
is in excellent condition. He is con-
fident of his ability to put away his
antagonist. Thomas will have in his
corner the three Gardner brothers and
it will be the first appearance of
George Gardner in the ring in Lowell
in several years.

Tommy Crawford arrived in town
last evening and before retiring for
the night had made many friends
among the sporting element. He is

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 7.—Fainting
at the sight of blood, Harry T. Sim-
mons, a junior in Western Reserve
Medical college, fell to the floor in a
hospital clinic yesterday, sustained a
fracture of the skull and died on the
operating table at which a few mo-
ments before he had been an assist-
ant.

Simmons was assisting in a minor
operation. Professors at the medical college say
that he frequently grew faint at the
sight of blood. He was a track athlete
and baseball player.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS

SPENT BY COMMITTEE FOR MR.
PELLETIER

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Daniel F. Buck-
ley, treasurer of the committee which
had charge of the campaign of Joseph
C. Pelletier for election as district at-
torney, has filed with the secretary of
state a return showing that the com-
mittee received \$4020 and expended
\$3,961.85 in bringing about the election
of the present district attorney. In ad-
dition to this expenditure, the com-
mittee has unpaid liabilities amounting to
\$307.

The contributions of \$100 or over
were as follows: Victor M. Pelletier,
\$250, Thomas F. Harney \$233, Dr. P.
Toomey \$100, Daniel F. Buckley \$100,
Henry M. Whitney \$200, John P. Leahy
\$225, Joseph P. O'Neill \$100, Dr. John
T. Bottomley \$115, anonymous \$100,
Joseph C. Pelletier \$1500.

The expenditures, amounting to
\$3,961.85, were principally for advertis-
ing and postage.

CRACK RUNNER

Intends to Come to this
Country

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—If the plans of
the promoters do not fall professional
athletics will have a big inning in
New York this winter. Many long and
short distance races are scheduled, and
more are to come. Not only are the
promoters trying to have all the fam-



JOE THOMAS

a husky appearing young man and
when he says he wants to meet Bill
Papke, he looks as if he might.

Joe Thomas accompanied by Freddie
Sears of Philadelphia, looking like a
couple of young millionaires arrived
in town this morning and after a call
at The Sun office registered at the
Waverly hotel where Crawford's party
is also stopping. Thomas looks to be
in fine condition and

GREAT INCREASE

In Internal Commerce During Month of October

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The enlarging volume of internal commerce during October is illustrated by the reports to the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor of leading commercial movements in various parts of the country. The improved industrial situation is manifested principally in the very heavy movements of coke and iron ore, demanded by the iron furnaces. The sight and port receipts of cotton, notwithstanding the shorter crop of the year, exceeded like receipts for the first 2 months of the two preceding seasons. The movements of hard and soft coal likewise show an increased volume. The grain movement of the month proved fairly heavy, while the receipts of live stock at interior and eastern markets, mainly because of the shortage in the supply of hogs, were rather light. The traffic activity of the railroads, as indicated by the number of cars handled by the various demurrage bureaus, shows a continuous improvement.

Live stock receipts during October at seven leading interior markets, 4,062,236 head, were below those reported for October, 1908 and 1907—4,074,566 and 4,221,805 head. Of the total receipts for the month 1,130,611 head were cattle, 1,032,822 calves, 1,278,169 hogs, 1,523,903 sheep, and 31,941 horses and mules. As compared with the corresponding figures for the preceding year, a decrease of almost 30 per cent is shown in the monthly receipts of hogs, while the number of sheep received shows a more than corresponding increase over the October, 1908. The aggregate live stock receipts for the 10 months of the year, 32,563,100 head, are likewise below the corresponding totals for the two preceding years, the loss being accounted for exclusively by the heavy shrinkage in the receipts of hogs at all the principal packing-houses. The number of live stock car arrivals at the seven primary markets is stated as 575,921 for the 10 months, period, compared with 608,974 and 618,080 cars for the same period in 1908 and 1907.

Shipments during the month of packing house products from Chicago, 196,846,571 pounds, likewise show a considerable decline from the figures reported for October, 1908 and 1907—233,463,186 and 240,420,438 pounds. Smaller shipments appear under the head of fresh beef, cured and canned meats, lard, tallow and tallowine, the only increase being shown in the monthly shipments of pickled beef. The shipments for the ten months of the year, 1,753,360,106 pounds, show a similar decline, the largest losses appearing in the shipments of fresh beef, canned meats and lard. The monthly receipts of the eastern and trust line movements of provisions from Chicago and Chicago Junction points shows a total of \$3,261 net tons, as compared with 24,366 net tons moved during October, 1908, and 103,943 net tons moved during October, 1907. The figures for the 42 weeks of the year, 781,247 net tons, indicate a decrease of over 35 per cent in this movement. The stocks of meat at five principal packing centers at the end of the month, 89,473,275 pounds, were almost 50 per cent below those reported two years ago, and over 50 million pounds less than a year ago.

Live-stock receipts at the four principal Atlantic seaboard cities, 853,130 head, show a considerable decline as compared with the corresponding October, 1908, figures of 925,573 head. This decline was due mainly to a decrease of over 50,000 head in the receipts of hogs, also to a shortage in the arrivals

of sheep, only partly compensated by the larger number of cattle and calves received during the month. The receipts of these markets during the ten months of the year, 7,701,642 head, were likewise below the corresponding 1908 figure of 8,074,471 head. The decrease in the receipts of hogs alone amounted to over 14 per cent as compared with the corresponding 1908 total.

The grain movement during the month, as measured by the receipts at 14 leading interior markets, 98,110,333 bushels, compares favorably with corresponding October figures for 1908 and 1907 when 85,554,230 and 98,700,103 bushels were received at the same markets. Of the total receipts 45,568,365 bushels were wheat, 13,476,206 corn, 21,788,805 oats, 13,068,441 barley and 1,236,586 rye. Wheat, corn, barley and rye show larger figures than a year ago, while those of oats show a slight diminution. The total does not include the receipts of flaxseed for the month at six leading markets, 5,792,234 bushels, which figure shows a considerable shrinkage when compared with corresponding totals in the two preceding years. The combined receipts at the same markets for the two months of the present crop season, 192,219,150 bushels, show a seasonally stationary condition of the grain movement as compared with the corresponding figures of the two earlier years. This is particularly true of the wheat receipts, 114,890,543 bushels, which show practically the same total as a year ago. The monthly flour receipts at 14 leading interior markets, 5,473,149 barrels show a normal increase over the corresponding figures of the two preceding years.

Combined flour and grain receipts during the month at the four leading Atlantic seaports, 23,684,156 bushels, were over a million bushels short of the corresponding 1908 receipts. The monthly wheat receipts at these ports, 10,166,857 bushels, owing to the smaller receipts at New York and Philadelphia, were below the corresponding 1908 figures of 10,431,382 bushels. The monthly corn receipts, 14,888,445 bushels, on the other hand, were considerably in excess of the October receipts for the last year, while the monthly receipts of flour, 1,821,770 barrels, show a smaller total than a year ago. The aggregate grain receipts for the month at the four leading Atlantic seaports, 23,684,156 bushels, when compared with the corresponding 1908 and 1907 figures of 25,207,283 and 203,703,647 bushels, practically all grains, including flour, showing smaller season receipts than for the earlier years. The decline in the receipts is due mainly to the smaller export demand for various grains at the ports in question.

The monthly coastwise receipts of southern pine at New York, 41,580,656 feet, compare favorably both with the September receipts, as well as the October, 1908 and 1907, receipts of the article. Lumber receipts at Boston during the month from all sources, 458,413 feet, show a similar gain over the figures for the preceding year, as well as for the preceding month. Losses, as compared with the corresponding 1908 total and the figure for the preceding month, are shown in the October shipments of pine lumber from the Mississippi and Red river valleys, 111,335 M feet, and from Virginia and the Carolinas, 15,453,165 feet. The October lake shipments of lumber, 154,115 M feet, while below the September shipments, show an excess of almost 15 million feet over the October shipments of a year ago. The monthly receipts of lumber from all sources, 458,413 feet, show a similar gain over the figures for the preceding year, as well as for the preceding month. Losses, as compared with the corresponding 1908 total and the figure for the preceding month, are shown in the October shipments of pine lumber from the Mississippi and Red river valleys, 111,335 M feet, and from Virginia and the Carolinas, 15,453,165 feet. The October lake shipments of lumber, 154,115 M feet, while below the September shipments, show an excess of almost 15 million feet over the October shipments of a year ago.

Sight receipts of cotton for the first two months of the season, 3,861,202 bales, exceeded both the corresponding cotton movement in 1907 and 1908, when the sight receipts amounted to 2,689,634 and 3,751,612 bales. The extraordinarily heavy movement is due to the large port receipts, 2,187,671 bales, which likewise exceeded the corresponding figures for the two previous seasons. The takings of American spinners for the two months, 518,515 bales, were much below the corresponding 1908 record of 923,816 bales, the loss being due to the smaller quantities taken by northern mills. The total American stocks at the end of the month, 1,276,630 bales, were above the figures reported for corresponding dates in the two previous years. The United States census office reports the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909 to November 14, as 9,100,737 bales for the present season, compared with 9,505,509 and 7,300,655 bales ginned to November 14 in 1908 and 1907.

Wool receipts during the month at Boston, 21,866,450 pounds, show a further decline from the heavy totals recorded for the summer months of the year, the month being about 90 per cent in excess of the October, 1908, receipts. The figures for the 10 months, 359,392,335 pounds, were almost 60 per cent in excess of the corresponding 1908 receipts.

The October shipments of anthracite coal from eastern producing territory, 5,579,750 gross tons, mark a large decrease over the light shipments of the summer months, though falling about 400,000 tons short of the corresponding monthly movements in the two preceding years. The 10 months' figures, 50,160,047 gross tons, are about 2.5 million tons below the 1908 total. The coastwise shipments of coal from five leading Atlantic seaports during October aggregated 8,610,584 gross tons, compared with 2,587,717 gross tons reported for October, 1908. The 10 months' coastwise coal shipments aggregated 82,540,042 gross tons, of which 15,540,824 gross tons was anthracite. The monthly shipments of bituminous coal over eight leading coal carrying railroads, 3,329,885 tons, show a gain of almost half a million tons over October, 1908 figures, while the movement for the ten months of the year, 32,274,189 tons, was almost 10 per cent heavier than for the same period last year. The monthly coal movement over the same roads, 2,412,078 tons, was almost 30 per cent in excess of the October, 1908, movement, while

SENATOR WHO DECLINED LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS



WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Ill. health has forced Senator Culberson of Texas to relinquish the leadership of the minority in the senate, and it is asserted that either Senator Daniel or Senator Bacon will succeed him. Senator Money of Mississippi is said to have declined the honor because of the fact that his term is nearing an end. Senator Culberson announced his intention

of giving up the leadership in a letter to Senator Money, and it was his hope that the Mississippi senator would take the party reins in the senate. The Texas statesman announced in his letter that the prospect of too much arduous work during the present session and the condition of his health would not permit him to longer retain the chairmanship of his party's caucus.

the coke shipments for the ten months of the year show a gain of nearly 50 per cent over the corresponding figures of the preceding year.

The larger demand for smelting material by the iron furnaces of the country is also indicated by the unusually heavy iron-ore shipments from Lake Superior and Michigan ports, 6,436,003 gross tons, which were about 35 per cent in excess of the October, 1908, shipments. Pig-iron production for the month, 2,552,516 gross tons, was more than a million tons above the October, 1908, output and far in excess of the high-level figures for the busiest months in 1907. As the months of November and December in 1907 marked a considerable decline in the activity of the furnaces, it is probable that the annual figures for the current year, provided the present rate of output is kept up, will come very close to the record figure of the 1907 annual production.

Building operations for the month at 105 cities in various parts of the country, as measured by the value of the building permits granted by municipal authorities, aggregated \$64,847,558, which figure compares favorably with the record of the preceding month in 1908.

The traffic movement of the railroads for the month, as measured by

the number of freight cars handled by 33 car service associations and demurrage bureaus, 3,244,755 cars, continues to show gains over the figures of the earlier months of the year, as well as the corresponding 1907 totals. The number of cars handled by these associations during the 10 months of the present year, 25,094,721 cars, was 15 per cent larger than the corresponding number in 1908 and even in excess of the corresponding number two years ago.

CHALLENGE
Prof. Charles H. Glidden, the local pool expert, wishes to challenge Myron Saunders of Tom Alton to a 25 or 50 point game to be played in this city between now and Christmas.

SULZER'S BILL

Calls for Arrest of Pres. Zelaya

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Representative Sulzer of New York, introduced a resolution yesterday directing the president of the United States to use the army and navy of the country to restore order, maintaining peace and protect life and property in Nicaragua. The resolution recites that the United States demand the arrest, trial and punishment of President Zelaya of Nicaragua for the wilful murder of citizens, an apology from Nicaragua and reparation.

IS NOT "EXCLUSIVE"
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The neighborhood in which J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., and other multi-millionaires live, is no longer deemed "exclusive" by the courts. Commercial interests have already so far encroached on its exclusiveness that Mr. Morgan and others, who sought to enforce the creation of a sixteen-story office building, were denied their application yesterday by Referee Charles F. Brown, who had been appointed to the case by the supreme court.

Mr. Morgan and his associates contended that an office building in their neighborhood would greatly depreciate the value of their property. Certain clauses in the original deeds of the property, they hold, confirmed their contention.

PRES. THOMPSON'S STATEMENT
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—A statement was issued last night by President W. B. Thompson of the New Orleans cotton exchange, taking exception to certain statements published yesterday in Washington concerning the publication of the report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith. It is declared that the report does not condemn future trading as such, nor as it is conducted on the New Orleans cotton exchange.

That the New York system of "fixed differences" is condemned, and that the New Orleans system of "commercial differences" is not condemned is one of the principal allegations of President Thompson's statement.

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A BRAVE SAILOR

Rescued His Mates From a Wrecked Schooner

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Swimming 500 yards through the breakers, hurled on the shores of Turks Island by the recent disastrous West Indian hurricane, Robert Bonenfant, a French-Canadian sailor, carried ashore a rope from the wrecked British schooner Alexandra, over which Captain L. Pothier and four others of the crew reached safety, according to the story told last night by Captain Pothier, who reached here yesterday with his crew on the steamer Boston from Jamaica.

The Alexandra was wrecked at Cockburn harbor, Turks Island, in the height of the recent hurricane. Caught on a lee shore two big cables parted like strings and when an effort was made to claw off the nearby reef with snailly reefed sails the canvas was torn to tatters.

The vessel was then swept onto a reef 500 yards from shore where the huge combbers and the jagged coral made quick work of the schooner.

There seemed little likelihood that any of the crew could reach shore alive through the terrific breakers when the schooner broke up, but Bonenfant, wiry and of tremendous endurance, tied a rope about his waist and with reckless abandon dived overboard. Dozens of times he disappeared in the huge seas and then his dark form was seen for an instant in the white tumult of the breakers. Bonenfant was overwhelmed but by superhuman efforts reached the beach. After recovering his breath he fastened the line to a tree and over it his comrades reached shore safely. Through a heavy rain and without food the men remained all night and until they were seen by some of the natives of the place, the next afternoon. The spot where the men landed was one of the narrow keys girding the island, but some of the natives managed to get to the leeward and take the men off.

The Alexandra was a total wreck. She was a tern schooner of 178 tons and was owned by T. C. Wright of Weymouth Bridge. She was launched in 1901.

IN SWITZERLAND

PEOPLE ARE ADVANCED IN PRACTICE OF FORESTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Switzerland recognized the benefits of forest protection and development 600 years ago when the forest ordinance of Bern was issued. The Silvicultural law of 1803, which is now perfectly managed and most profitable forests in the world, has been handed under a working plan since 1850. The little Alpine republic still reports progress in forest work, and the American consul writing from St. Gall says:

The government of Switzerland has so carefully regulated the timber output that it has never been permitted to exceed the natural growth. The thick growth of timber on the mountain sides, purposely allowed to become dense, has perceptibly lessened the danger and frequency of avalanches and landslides, which in former times were so frightfully destructive. To control the spring floods in the rivers and streams, massive dams, fortified by thickly planted trees, have been erected at exposed places. In the extraordinary attention paid to its timber lands the government has taken into account the necessity for sheltering and pasturing cattle, the maintenance of the soil, the roads, and the natural springs, climate, and the control of mountain streams.

The actual forest area of Switzerland comprises 2,405,508 acres (31,478,000 sq. ft.) of the entire surface of the country, 77,004 of which belong to the state and 2,328,504 to the cantons, communes, municipalities, and private corporations. Seven hundred and eighty-one acres of the state forest are set aside as a nursery. From this source in 1908 over 2,000,000 young trees were taken and transplanted in the various forests.

"Swiss forests are classed as 'protected' and 'non-protected.' The former are those which are situated on mountain slopes where the immobility of washfalls, slides and ice-chutes renders the exercise of extraordinary care and attention. The 'non-protected' are those on comparatively level ground requiring only ordinary attention to keep them in good condition. Because of the character of the country, the great majority of the forests are 'protected.'"

The law provides that the forest area shall not be diminished and that all forests shall be maintained in a fairly dense condition. Even in private forests close cutting or clearing up is strictly forbidden, especially in exposed places, without the consent of the federal authorities, and then only in small areas and when prompt reforestation is guaranteed. Trees for cutting are carefully selected by forestry experts.

"Through the forests there are excellent roads, made largely by the cantonal authorities. The year 1908 was marked by such activity in road construction that the state, which bears a proportion of the expense, paid to the cantons the sum of \$46,634.00 on their account alone.

"Spruce is the most important tree in the Swiss forests, and then in order of importance come the white fir, beech, larch, pine, cypress, and a few other varieties. "The principal revenue derived from the Swiss forests is from the lumber output; there being no manufactures of resin, turpentine, and similar by-products. To offset the cutting there of the federal authorities, and then only in small areas and when prompt reforestation is guaranteed. Trees for cutting are carefully selected by forestry experts.

"Statistics of the receipts and expenditures of all forestry work in the country are not available, but a couple of cases may be cited which show gratifying returns. The total receipts from the sale of wood in 1908 from 242 acres of state forests in the canton of St. Gall are given as \$24,457.37 and the expenditures as \$7,104.81, leaving a clear profit of \$17,352.56. In the forests of the town of Winterthur, amounting to 283 acres, the receipts were \$34,174.62 and the expenses \$22,634.50, leaving a net profit of \$21,540.12, or an average profit of about \$10.42 per acre.

"It is not to be presumed that the revenue from the entire Swiss forest area can be approximated by taking as a basis the earnings of the St. Gall and Winterthur forests, which have been for many years under most intelligent and excellent management but the universal opinion among forestry officials is that the jealous care with which the Swiss timber lands have been guarded has vastly benefited both national and cantonal treasuries from the financial point of view."

"A FAST BOUT"
GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Fred Wright of Glens Falls, formerly of Berlin, N. H., and Arthur Cole of Balaclava, N. H., fought a whitening 10 rounds to a draw here last night. Until the sixth round Wright had it all his way, but during the last three rounds Cole rallied strongly.

MAY BE CONTEST

Over the Will of a Millionaire

ATTLEBORO, Dec. 7.—Miss Almeida E. Winters of Briggs corner, Attleboro, is a distant relative of John Masteron Burke of New York, the millionaire who died last week and who was widely known as the founder of the Winifred Masteron Burke relief association.

The funeral of Mr. Burke took place yesterday and Miss Winters is awaiting with interest the reading of his will. He was 98 years of age and was never married. Some years ago he turned his estate, said to be valued at \$4,000,000, into a trust fund for the Burke relief association, but there was a provision that he was to enjoy the income until his death.

Two years ago the heirs, including Miss Winters of Attleboro, petitioned the New York courts to have him adjudged incapable of attending to his affairs, as he was feeble and scarcely recognized his relatives. The petition was dismissed by Justice Scott. A commission had been previously appointed for the purpose mentioned by Justice Hendrick, but the decision of Justice Scott dismissed it.

Although Mr. Burke never married he had 14 relatives and during the past few years they have made several attempts to change the provisions by which the immense fortune was turned into a trust fund, but their efforts were not successful.

Miss Winters said last night that she will probably be contesting the will. She has placed their affairs in the hands of attorneys and at the proper time legal steps will be taken if the will is not satisfactory.

COMMANDER PEARY'S STORY

New York, Dec. 7.—Commander Peary told relatives and during the story of his discovery of the North pole, in a lecture before the American Geographical society.

Many of the pictures shown of the hardships endured after the start from Cape Sheridan were applauded. The last camp before the final making the pole showed the party making tea by converting ice and snow into boiling water on cylindrical alcohol stoves.

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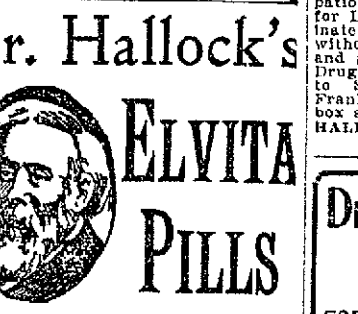
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RUINOUS EFFECT OF POLITICAL TURMOIL.

The increase or decrease in the value of the real estate of any city from year to year must be taken as a fair criterion of its progress and prosperity or the reverse.

If we judge the city of Lowell by this criterion we shall see that the present has been one of the worst we have had for many years in regard to the increase in the value of real estate. This increase indicates the amount of new property added to the assessment list and in a general way represents the activity of building operations throughout the city. In this light it may be well to show the increase in the valuation of the city property for the past few years:

Increase in 1909 over 1908.....	\$ 704,410
" 1908 over 1907.....	905,480
" 1907 over 1906.....	780,508
" 1906 over 1905.....	1,713,185

It, therefore, appears that the increase in 1909 over 1908 has been less than for several years previous. This is what might be expected from a year spent in political turmoil in which the interests of the city were neglected and enterprise actually scared into inactivity. There has been no attempt worth mention to bring new industries here, and most of the city departments have been in a state of demoralization most of the time. This was the case with the police department, the street department, the pauper department and even the building department. There was no proper direction of business, and whatever was done lessened the efficiency of every department touched by the executive of the city.

The figures above quoted indicate the business stagnation that resulted as a natural consequence of the brawling, the litigation, the threats, the bulldozing and the bluff that characterized the administration throughout the year.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message of President Taft read to the congress today is characterized by a tameness and rapidity contrasting strikingly with the messages of ex-President Roosevelt.

We do not, however, undertake to condemn President Taft's message on that score. Yet we surmise that unless through mere curiosity the senators and representatives kept awake during the reading of the document, there was much to induce sleep in the absence of anything characterized by spirit or intensity.

Perhaps the most important feature of the document is that in which President Taft undertakes to deal with the question of injunctions. He quotes a passage from the platform of what he calls "the successful party in the last election," the passage referring to the needlessness of issuing injunctions without notice except where irreparable injury might result from delay. To carry out this party pledge President Taft proposes the enactment of a law providing that no injunction be issued without previous notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined; unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the delay would result in irreparable injury to the complainant. Where, therefore, an injunction issues without notice it is provided that it shall be of no effect after seven days from the issuance thereof or within less time if the court so provides. That modification of the injunction evils complained of may gratify some people while it will do no harm to anybody. It is simply a proposition to pass a law providing for the very thing which the courts have been in the habit of doing for many years past. The cases are very few where injunctions have been issued without notice, and where they were so issued it was on the ground that irreparable delay would result.

There are other provisions in the message made to carry out recommendations of the republican platform such, for example, as that in favor of postal savings banks, another for a ship subsidy bill, one for a bureau of public health and several others.

The president touches in a perfunctory way upon the application of the Monroe Doctrine in the South American states, and he undertakes to say that neither this doctrine nor any other American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

On the matter of revenues the president points out that the deficit for the current fiscal year will reach the sum of \$73,075,620, and this the president points out will be met by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama canal.

In this connection the president points out that the expense of the canal originally estimated at \$139,705,200 will eventually amount to \$175,201,000. He explains why the figures crept up by stating that the plan of construction was changed and the cost of labor and materials was under-estimated.

The message gives but very little attention to the operation of the new tariff law beyond the statement that the tariff commission has been appointed to assist the president in administering the maximum and minimum clause of the act. He states that the board will require three years to compile certain facts and information relative to the cost of production, wages and other matters in foreign countries. Relative to the high prices of commodities the president enumerates what he considers to be the causes, including among them mainly the production of gold, the increase in population and the more expensive mode of living among our people. There is no intimation in regard to the extent to which trusts and monopolies increase the prices of various commodities, nor does the message state that the high tariff has anything to do with increasing the cost of living.

SEEN AND HEARD

Dr. Blank, about 20 years a professor in a certain college, was on the eve of a trip to Europe, to be about two years. In pathetic and rather harrowing tones he made his farewell address to his class:

"Yes, I am about to part with you. This is more than distressing to me. Would that there was a window in my breast, my dear boys, that you might see the innermost recesses of my heart."

A strapping in the rear, seized with a happy thought, shouted:

"Professor, would a pane in the stomach do?"

Deplored the passing of the oldtime salt codfish, a writer in the Boston Transcript says: "Twenty years ago a high shouldered individual with a scalloped collar hung narrow and up in every grocery store. Today he reposes in sections of a neat wooden box. It was the province of a salt codfish of the prehistoric times ante-dating 1876 to be so designated, and the fish emulsion, before they had heard of seltzer acid and the pure food law, of benzoate of soda and Dr. Wiley, had to depend on Turk's Island salt and the breezy air of New England to produce that strength of character which made the salt codfish an eager rival with kerosene in imparting to pilot crackers the true grocery store flavor. A Salted girl who married and went to Denver pined away in that uncongenial climate until her father stuck some postage stamps on a salt codfish and sent it to her by mail."

TROUBLES OF MARY.

Mary had a little lamb—
This is no childish bluff;
It was a little Persian lamb—
She fleeced it for a nut.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mary had a little foot,
But wore a size too tight;
And everywhere that Mary went
Her shoes were sure to hurt.
—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Mary had a little calf
A slim and shapely critter.
It butted Mary in the—mud
And Mary's wrath was bitter.
—Houston Post.

Mary had a trolly ride
In Houston's big main street;
She only had to pay three cents
Because she had no seat.
—Springfield Union.

Mary took a little nap
And woke with great alarm;
She thought a horrid ugly pup
Would do her pet some harm.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

At the Opera House last night a four act play by Henry D. Carey, entitled "In the Heart of Alaska," was presented with much interest and effect, and an able company. Unfortunately, the attendance was not as large as the merit of the play demanded. The plot deals with a music hall singer, who married a young Scotchman and went to the heart of Alaska to live. After the novelty had worn off

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and the monotony of life in Alaska began to have its effect on the erstwhile singer, she hearkened to the pleadings of a former lover and eloped with him, leaving her husband, McLain, alone. Her overturned canoe was afterwards found in the Yukon. It was supposed she was drowned. Her husband made love to the daughter of the man who kept the general store and was about to take her off to the nearest mission to be married when the first woman turns up. There are exciting climaxes but the action is betimes rough and uncut as of course befits a country like Alaska.

Henry D. Carey assumes the role of Neil McLain and proves a skilful, versatile actor, always taking pains to fill in the minutest detail which to his mind seems necessary to make the narrative complete. Were he not the author he would not have been particular about the details and might thus make the really important features more striking.

The cast was as follows, every member of the support being deserving of praise, and all combining to give a very satisfactory performance:

Father Jean, from the Mission up the river.....Edwin Caldwell
"Tasish Jin," a fabulous Chilkat.....Frederick Seaton
Kate McLain, Neil's wife,.....Lucy Milliken

Dave Kirke, a Seattle mining engineer, Hector Dion
Francois Leclerc, a half breed voyager, Joseph Harris
Neil McLain, a son of the north, Henry D. Carey
"Rainbow" Rawlins, an old sour dough, Louis Thiel
Sam Mixer, owner of the general store and postmaster at Caribou Run, Russell Simpson
Alaska, his daughter, Fern Foster
"Ole Kentuck," a placer miner, Ford Fenimore

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difficult task, but carries out the wishes of his uncle who bequeathed the money with certain stipulations. With but a few weeks remaining of the year, this young man, who is named "Monty" Brewster, finds himself almost ready to give up the job, but a storm helps him out, and it is this storm that offers the opportunity to present a sensational stage picture and make the play one of the best of the season. Or



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course, the big thing in the play and that which delights and thrills the spectator more than anything else in it, is the work solely of the producer, Frederic Thompson. This is the storm scene at the end of the third act.

The play will be presented here at the Opera House on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 8 and 9, with Thursday matinee, with Robert Over in the stellar role of "Monty" Brewster. May Talbot as "Peggy" Gray and the remaining long list of characters in the same hands identified with the original New York production.

ELSIE JANIS Elsie Janis in "The Fair Co-Ed" does not do the imitations of well known actors and actresses which formed an enjoyable feature of her performance. During the new season of George Ade's play he has substituted characterizations of several well known stars as they might play bits entirely out of their individual lines. For instance, she has a deliciously funny travesty on Ethel Barrymore as she might appear doing a song and dance after the Blanche Ring style. Miss Janis' delightful, if somewhat uncanny satire, ought to be at its best in this characterization. To further stimulate the imagination of her audience, Miss Janis also has a little travesty of George Cohan as he might appear playing Romeo. Miss Janis in "The Fair Co-Ed" will be seen at the Opera House Dec. 10th. Seats go on sale to-day.

REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM That Kate Douglas Wiggin has a legion of admirers in this city is evidenced by the unusual attention attracted by the announcement that "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," a dramatization by Charlotte Thompson and Kate Douglas Wiggin of the author's famous story of the same name, will be presented at the Opera House Dec. 12, 14 and 15.

HATTIE WILLIAMS IN "DETECTIVE SPARKS" Charles Frohman will present at the Opera House Dec. 16, Miss Hattie Williams and her famous detective comedy, "Detective Sparks," in which she appeared at the Garrick theatre, New York, for three months. "Detective Sparks" with Mr. Frohman's brilliant comedienne in the stellar role, could easily finish out the current season in New York. But previous contracts for the production of other plays at the Garrick compelled the interruption of Miss Williams' very successful engagement, and a short tour of the principal eastern cities, preliminary to her return to New York, will be made.

"THE YOUNG TURK" Max Rogers, of the Rogers Brothers, and Maude Raymond, in Klaw & Langer's bright and merry production, "The Young Turk," comes to the Lowell.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Yesterday's performances at the Academy of Music were simply a repetition of their former successes. The vaudeville, headed by three Pattons was exceptionally good. They have a good supply of comedy. Grace Farnside again captured her audience in the illuminated electric swing, singing "Cuddle Up a Little Closer." The comedy moving pictures are very good, while the biograph feature, "The Death Disc," is a fine dramatic feature of the Cronwellian period.

THEATRE VOYONS

The new program given at the Theatre Voyons yesterday was a genuine surprise in its merit and the real enjoyment it affords. There are two comedies both way up in the laughing class and the principal feature, a picture, "Three Thanksgivings," is as pleasing a story picture as has been yet shown. "An Indian Wife's Devotion" is a clever Indian picture and the special scenic picture showing the wedding of the nephew of the Mahanah of Tagore is very interesting. The songs are pleasing and well sung.

SCENIC THEATRE

One of the most interesting amusements in the city is the Scenic. There is a grand show this week portraying life in the far west and it is good American history. Admission is 5 cents.

DECEMBER

Is the hardest month of the entire year on the pocketbook. There is coal and wood to buy, winter clothing to buy, Christmas dinner to buy, Christmas presents to buy. All this is extra, and it is no wonder so many people have hard work to find a clean slate on January 1st.

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THE MILK TRUST HATTIE LEBLANC A PECULIAR FIRE

An Investigation to be Begun Will be Heard on the Charge of Murder on Thursday

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Indications yesterday were that the state investigation of the so-called milk trust will be far-reaching.

Following the appointment by the supreme court yesterday of a referee to take testimony here and in Albany, it was learned that the investigation, which will be begun on Thursday next, will extend to the up-state milk interests for the purpose of determining the causes for the apparent wide discrepancy indicated by currently published quotations between the price paid the producer and that paid by the consumer.

The investigation is directed against the Consolidated Milk exchange and several large milk companies in this city. Officers of these companies are

required to appear for examination with their records and books.

Attorney General O'Malley's petition charges that through the Consolidated Milk exchange the prices paid the producer and charged the consumer are "arbitrarily fixed," and that action of the members and stockholders in raising the price of bottled milk from 8 to 9 cents "was a conspiracy to unlawfully and illegally advance the price," made possible by their alleged monopoly of the supply.

It is further declared in the petition that the advance was not due to an increase in the price paid the producers nor to additional cost of handling, but was to "provide additional profits to the individuals and additional dividends" on stock of the corporation.

It is alleged that the so-called trust controls about 80 per cent of all milk available for consumption within New York city.

WALTHAM, Dec. 7.—Hattie LeBlanc will be brought from Cambridge jail Wednesday morning and given a hearing before Judge Luce on the charge of murder. Dist. Atty. John J. Higgins will conduct the case for the prosecution if he can get away from the Hermon trial. If he finds that he cannot appear here, Mr. Higgins will send his assistant, Mr. Weir.

Among the witnesses for the government will probably be Drs. Cousens, Dowd and MacDonald, Thomas H. Connors, who aided Glover in reaching the hospital; Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, the widow, and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Freeman of Auburndale.

It is not the intention of the government to put in any more evidence than is deemed necessary to hold the girl for the superior court.

The antemortem statement of Clarence F. Glover as taken by George L. Leslie, a justice of the peace, will be submitted as evidence at this time.

Chief McKenna has said that too little importance has been attached to this statement by the newspapers, while the police have always regarded

it of primary importance. On the other hand, it has been said by those present at the deathbed that Glover did not appear to be very willing to talk, and everything that he did say was obtained only after much persuasion on the part of those who were questioning him.

All of these things, together with the other peculiarities with which the case abounds, has made the people of Waltham believe that all of the facts have not yet been made known.

That Hattie LeBlanc has told her attorneys a far different story from the one she told the police is gathered from the very confident way they predict the girl's acquittal when the case reaches the court and the true facts are laid before a jury.

Nathan A. Tufts said last evening that he could only reiterate what he has said before that Hattie LeBlanc would surely be exonerated of any complicity in the death of Clarence F. Glover when the true facts were made known.

Mr. Tufts said he would visit the girl at the jail today and have a final talk with her before the hearing. He was asked if it was the intention of the defense to introduce any evidence at the preliminary hearing and he replied that it was not. His evidence would be introduced only at the formal trial of the girl at the superior court in Cambridge.

YOUNG WOMAN'S BODY

Was Found in the Cistern of Her Father's Home

FISHKILL LANDING, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The body of Miss Margaret Daverty, the Vassar student who disappeared Sunday, was found late yesterday in the cistern of her father's home at Huguenotville. Miss Daverty, who was the daughter of the Rev. William H. Daverty, wandered away from the care of her friends Sunday morning.

It was known that she had been forced to abandon her studies at Vassar because of mental strain due to overwork, and from the moment her absence was noted there was the greatest anxiety for her safety. The all-night and day search came to a sad ending when a railroad detective found the lifeless body of the girl in six feet of water at the bottom of the cistern. Appearance indicated a carefully planned suicide. The cover of the cistern was in its usual position. It seems that she raised it on edge,

allowing it to fall back into place over her, as she jumped to death below. There were no evidences of foul play.

Miss Daverty was ambitious to make her first year at Vassar a creditable one. She knew that her father had abandoned a rich parish in New Jersey to accept his small charge in Huguenotville expressly so his daughter might be near enough to Vassar to commute. Her ambitions, however, overran her strength and three weeks ago she broke down and was forced to remain at home. The thought that her indisposition had nullified her father's sacrifices for her so preyed on her mind that the family feared she might attempt suicide and tried to keep a close watch on her.

Sunday morning, when her father was at church, furnished the chance she sought. Slipping from the house she disappeared, and the efforts of many searching parties failed to find her until late yesterday. The distracted parents were inconsolable last night when the sad news was brought to them.

A BIG MUSKRAT

Put Up Hard Fight and Bit Boy

CLAREMONT, N. H., Dec. 7.—When the young son of Arthur L. Fitch, farmer and member of the school board, who lives on Green mountain, went to the barn yesterday morning to feed the horses, he was severely bitten on the hand by some animal that had secreted itself in one of the mangers. The boy was unable to dislodge it and called on his father for assistance. Truman R. McQuaid, a neighbor, happened by and he, too, took a hand in the capture.

The animal fought hard, but was finally dislodged and thrown out on the barn floor, where it was killed with a hammer. It proved to be a muskrat of gigantic proportions, but why it should get so far from water and hide in a

horse barn is a conundrum that local naturalists cannot explain. It is surmised, however, that the long drought that has lowered the brooks and ponds had sent the muskrat looking for water at the horse trough, and being surprised had taken refuge in the manger.

HE HAD \$450,000

Man Said He Would Kill Himself

BELLEVILLE, O., Dec. 7.—H. A. Piednor of St. Louis, carrying a valise in which there were \$450,000 of apparently negotiable papers, left a train from New York yesterday and announced in the railroad station that he would kill himself.

He seemed demented. The police took him to a hospital and an examination exposed lately healed knife wounds on his neck and arms.

Piednor told the physicians that his associates in St. Louis had conspired to send him to an insane asylum and take his property.

HONORED BY KING

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Hobart Chatfield-Taylor has received from King Emmanuel the order of the Crown of Italy in recognition of the Chicagoan's efforts to make known to America the works of Carlo Goldoni, Italy's greatest dramatist. Mr. Chatfield-Taylor is writing a biography of Goldoni. The French government conferred the cross of the Legion of Honor on Mr. Chatfield-Taylor a year or two ago for his biography of Moliere.

BIG DUAL MEET

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 7.—East and west may meet in track athletics this season if arrangements are made for a dual meet between Yale and Illinois. It became known today that overtures to the New Haven institution had been made by the Illinois managers.

It is expected that Yale is not averse to the idea and contemplates signing a contract if satisfactory terms may be arranged. The desired competition would likely be held on the Ell field.

SEABOARD NOT WELL GUARDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"There is a good deal of rot in all this peace talk," General Leonard Wood told the members of the St. Nicholas society at their annual luncheon last night. "We don't need to be a warlike nation, but we want to be ready," he continued. "The American seaboard is not well guarded. We cannot increase the regular army in time of peace and it is imperative, therefore, to increase the national guard. If you wish to protect our country adequately."

ILLEGAL REGISTRATION

Is the Charge Made Against Haverhill Men

HAVERHILL, Dec. 7.—Ten registered voters were arraigned before Judge Fuller yesterday charged with being either principals or accessories to illegal registration. Pleas of not guilty were entered in all cases, and they were continued until Friday for trial.

The complaints are drawn in three counts, five principals being charged with causing their names to be registered as voters when they knew they were not legally qualified; making false statements as to their residences, and in a general count with being illegally registered.

To these complaints William H. Ciochey, Frank W. Honor, John Dickenson, Henry H. Belmont and George H. Curtis pleaded not guilty.

The complaints against William H. Cook, James P. Crane, George McMurray, David G. Roche, James M. Mahoney and Frank M. Dewhurst are drawn in four counts, charging them with knowingly making false affidavits relative to the principals; making a false oath to the assessors; signing a false

statement, and in a general count with making false affidavits relative to the legal qualifications of the applicants for assessments.

There was no response when Mahoney was called though word had been received that he intended to be present. Judge Ryan represented Crane and he said he desired to have the cases disposed of, but as the evidence was largely documentary and he had not had time in which to look into the complaints, he would ask for a continuance. There was no objection.

In the matter of bail Judge Fuller said the difficulty in setting it was that the offenses with which the defendants were charged, did not call for fines, Cook, Curtis, Dewhurst and McMurray were each held in \$1000, while Crane was held in \$500, there being two counts against him. Honor, Belmont, Ciochey and Dickinson were held in \$500 each.

All of the offenses are alleged to have been committed Nov. 17, when the assessors and registrars were in session. The no-license forces announced by the more complaints will be entered, and it was hinted that the list would include one hotel proprietor as well as several prominent political workers.

LAVAL COUNCIL

DECIDED CONTESTS IN ITS REGENT BAZAAR

The contests recently held for the benefit of Notre Dame de Lourdes parish, under the auspices of Laval council, Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerville, decided quite a neat sum for the church.

The principal contest for a diamond ring was won by Miss Cora Renaud, who collected \$278. The second prize, also a diamond ring, was won by Miss Legendre, who brought in \$143.70.

The several contests together brought in the sum of \$885.65, which is to be devoted chiefly to the organ fund.

One contest, for a gold watch, was won by William Renaud, first prize, and Omer Sevigny, second, both receiving gold watches. Another, between Delphis Levasseur and J. Grenon, for a diamond ring, was won by Mr. Levasseur. Mr. Grenon was given a gold locket as second prize. A last contest, for the young girls of the parish, was won as follows: Miss Edwina Lawrence, first prize, gold watch; Miss Blanche Lorange, second prize, gold locket and chain; Miss Blanche Hamilton, third prize, rosary beads; Miss Alma Gagnon, fourth prize, prayer book.

Other prizes, which were drawn for, were won by the following people: Miss Mabel Jones, 28 Rock street, No. 1512, a piano; Joseph Renaud, 81 Cambridge street, No. 436, a portrait of Rev. Fr. Dubreuil, O. M. I., No. 1157, name not given; portrait of Rev. Fr. Viard, O. M. I., Miss Mabel Sheely, Gorham street, No. 1770, a ton of coal; Miss Mary Carbo, 36 Winter street, No. 1216, a hat; A. S. Haynes, 54 Central street, No. 1266, a frame; George Tou-

gas, 13 Second avenue, No. 516, a toilet set; Charles Porter, 73 Dalton street, No. 663, a boy's suit.

ROCK ISLAND ROAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Reorganization of the Rock Island railroad was completed yesterday by the election of four new vice presidents to serve with President Henry L. Mudge, as follows:

James E. Gorman, first vice president; F. O. Metcalf, to be second vice president; John Sebastian, third vice president and E. S. Moore, fourth vice president.

GOING TO WASHINGTON

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 7.—Myra McHenry who has frequently been arrested for chopping saloons with her hatchet, leaves today for Washington where she says she will keep tabs on congress this winter. When the city officials learned that she wanted to go east they took up a collection to defray her expenses.

FOR SALE

TEN GOOD, ACCLIMATED HORSES for sale. All sizes, all prices. 58 Franklin st.

BEAGLE HOUND, bitch and pups, for sale. Call at 75 Fourth avenue, under a p. m.

BUILT FOR SALE. Good watch dog. Inquire 21 Auburn st.

FIXTURES OF A GROCERY STORE for sale. Counters, drawers, bins and signs. For further particulars inquire at 171 Middlesex st.

DRY GOODS, cigar, tobacco and candy store for sale, doing a good business. For further particulars apply to 321 Central st.

CANARIES FOR SALE. 102 Cross st.

LOST AND FOUND

SUM OF MONEY lost between South Whipple, Lenox and Moore sts. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 73 Rock st.

PAIR OF EYEGLASSES lost in Merrimack sq. last Friday evening. Reward at 9 Whipple st.

SMALL IRISH TENCHER PUP lost. Color light brown; weight about 10 lbs. Reward. Any information, please write to H. Sun Office.

STICK PIN with red stone, surrounded by diamonds, lost on Middlesex st. between Davis & Sargent's and Richardson hotel. Reward at 590 Middlesex st.

FIREMAN'S BADGE lost. Reward at 608 Gorham st.

SILVER WATCH and chain found on Central street. Owner can have by calling at 481 Lawrence st.

Was Attended by Several Accidents

REVERE, Dec. 7.—Chief A. L. Kimball of the Revere fire department and Deputy Fire Marshal Elias Smith of the state police are investigating a peculiar fire, which wrecked a small store belonging to Allen J. Brown, corner of True and School streets, yesterday afternoon. The new automobile chemical engine, put into commission last week, was wrecked while responding to the alarm, and Chief Kimball narrowly escaped losing his right arm in the same sequence of accidents.

The fire was started by two small boys, who set fire to a barrel of kerosene standing in the rear of the store. The boys opened a faucet in the barrel and the blazing oil covered the ground in the rear of the building, causing the firemen much trouble. An outside stairway, carried the fire to the upper story and caused damage estimated at \$500.

In responding to the alarm from box 15 the auto chemical went up the Revere beach boulevard and in turning the corner at Revere street the rear wheel struck the curb, breaking every spoke. Several men on the rear of the apparatus escaped injury by jumping.

The machine was taken back to the Ward street station and jacked up to remove the broken wheel. While Chief Kimball was reaching under the body of the blocking gear way and the rear of the frame, which weighs about two tons, fell across his right arm. The thickness of a plank kept the iron from striking the floor and saved his arm from being cut off. As it was he offered a severe bruise and lacerations. The broken wheel was the only damage to the engine.

GIBLIN HELD

CHARGED WITH REGISTERING BETS ON HORSES

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 7.—Judge A. M. Copeland of the police court held Eugene W. Giblin yesterday, probable cause having been found against him, on the charge of keeping gambling rooms in the Essex building, where bets were registered on the horse races. The defendant, who was somewhat disconcerted at the finding, was held for the grand jury in \$1000.

Willis E. Blodgett and E. H. Lynde Denig were the complainants in the case. They claimed to have been in Giblin's rooms on one occasion when stock business was on the horse races and to have seen things that gave them the impression that betting on the horse races was being indulged in at the profit to the management.

They allege that the local municipal administration was "protecting the place." The police commission immediately demanded that the complainants, Denig and Blodgett, show their hands. The evidence was produced and the police immediately took steps to prosecute Giblin. The case will come up before the grand jury Dec. 20.

WANTED

GOOD SECOND HAND FURNITURE of all kinds. Highest prices paid. A. S. Edwards, 621 Dalton st.

WOMEN WANTED to take single lessons in the tailor's rule, made easy for dressmakers for Christmas, terms moderate. Mrs. M. J. Greaves, former principal of the Merrimack School, 181 East Merrimack st. All kinds of repairing.

CHILDREN WANTED to board in country. Good house on right past city line on Gorham st. 621 Dalton st.

ALL PERSONS WANTED to buy their coal, coke, mill kindling, slab, hard wood and dry maple for fireplace. T. Griffin's, 187 Appleton st. Tel. 663.

CHILDREN WANTED to board. Terms reasonable. Nelson, R. P. D., Billerica.

I PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE in cash for any kind of second hand furniture. Call and see postal. W. Fox, 626 Middlesex st.

HELP WANTED

YOUNG MAN of good habits, who can speak French wanted. Apply at The Habitt Co., Opticians, 51 Merrimack st.

COOK WANTED—Assistant cook wanted at 373 Middlesex st., day work. One speaking both English and French preferred.

WOMEN WANTED to canvass and demonstrate for the Sperry & Hutchinson Co. Green Building, 551 Dalton st. Apply at once, 35 John st.

FIRST CLASS HAND wanted for packing room. None without experience as packer, need apply. Lowell Shoe Co., Stockpile st.

SHOE-IN WANTED at once. Apply at Lowell Shoe Co., 40 Stockpile st.

WOMAN WANTED to sell tickets. Palace theatre, Middlesex st. W. Costo.

MACHINISTS WANTED—We have employment for a few more experienced men. Apply Davis & Sargent's Rubber Machine Co., North Andover, Mass.

EXPERIENCED MEN wanted for heading on Men's McKay shoes. Apply Sun Office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

AN IDEAL HOME. The most desirable place in the city. Have several buildings, in different sections, water and two-tenements; excellent cash trades. Some easy payments. Big values in lodging houses and stores. M. J. Sharkey, Insurance and Real Estate, 22 Central st., room 25, open Saturday and Monday evenings.

FOR SALE

Near Moody st., new two-tenement house, 7 rooms each, all improvements. Price to suit satisfaction.

Good bar and saloon, with a fine billiard table, 40 acres of land, good set of buildings, lots of fruit. Price \$3500. In Cambridge, near Bridge st., good two-tenement house with all improvements, large lot of land. Must be sold. Price \$2100.

A nice home in village, near Lowell, 7 room house with all improvements, hardwood floors, good henery, 1/2 acre of a large lot, lots of fruit. Price \$4000.

A good trade near Davis sq., cor. Gorham st.; good 8-room house with improvements in first class repair, large lot of land. Price \$2000. G. L. HUBBARD, 44 CENTRAL ST.

SITUATIONS WANTED

POSITION WANTED as cook, kitchen or chamber work. Please call at 159 Cheever st.

GENERAL HOUSEWORK wanted, or care for children, by an experienced woman. Inquire 4 in rear of 175 Fayette st.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

TEXTILE SCHOOL

NOTES OF THE COMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

The Textile basket ball team will formally open its season tomorrow night when it will meet the fast Boston University team at the school hall. The visitors are especially strong this year, but the local quintet expects to score a victory for it has entered into a strenuous system of practice since its formation.

The gymnasium classes at the school are filling up rapidly. Quite a few of the students have had previous experience in the gym and there is considerable enthusiasm being displayed. It is probable that during the winter there will be an exhibition of fencing, wrestling, boxing and indoor baseball.

The indoor track work will start after the Christmas holidays. There are several meets scheduled for the winter.

LEGAL NOTICES

WASHINGTON SAVINGS INSTITUTION

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 1, 1910. Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 156 of the Acts and Resolves of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for 1905, I, Maria H. Gleason, of North Berwick, Mass., do hereby give notice that I have written application to the Washington Savings Institution of Lowell, Mass., for a duplicate deposit book No. 1994, standing in my name, which said book is lost or destroyed.

MARIA H. GLEASON.

SPECIAL NOTICES

HORSE CLIPPING by power. First class work guaranteed. Price \$2. 100

THERE IS NOTHING GREATER than the greatest, or better than the best. A singing quality of tone, superior workmanship, a piano for a lifetime. Write for particulars to the office of a Crown piano. W. F. Trumbull, 101 Westford st.

YOU WILL FIND at Agnes Berard's millinery parlors an elegant line of millinery goods that will be sold down below cost to close them out. Miss Berard carries only exclusive styles, everything in line of trimmings, marked down. You can have your hat made, or trimmed well, cheaper than at any other place in town. Making fur hats a specialty. 22 Central st. Take elevator. Room 31.

ROOMS FURNISHED. \$1.75. We will paper your room with up-to-date wall paper for \$1.75. Postal for samples. 100 Westford st.

WHAT HAVE YOU? I will exchange 10,000 feet of land on car line in Belieria for cows, fowls or good horse as part payment. R. Sun Office.

NOONEN'S HAIR STAIN. 25c. 60c. Dose's, Osgood's, Suffolk st. Opera House playhouse.

MRS. C. M. ROBINSON of the McDowell School of Dressmaking, Boston, has opened parlors at 427 Wyman's Exchange. Tel. 2130.

A PRIVATE HOME for ladies before and during the winter. Infants adopted. 92 Vine st., Nashua, N. H.

EMMA MILLER RHODES, teacher of piano, 75 Tremont st. Lessons 50c.

NELSON'S COLONIAL DEPT. STORE—Fur department. Old fashioned fur, fur capes and fur muffs remodeled and made into a stylish up-to-date set of furs at a small expense to you. Nothing in the fur line that we cannot do. Fur Dept., Central st., entrance. Mail orders given prompt attention.

CASE PAID for furniture, carpets, stoves and ranges. Write, call or phone at 150 Broadway.

FURNITURE MOVING—Wright McGowan, furniture and piano mover, also dealer in wood and coal. Office 359 Broadway. Telephone 747; residence 53 Chestnut st.

HAZARD, HONED AND CONCAVED, saw filing, key filing, clippers sharpened at Harry Gonzales, 123 Cor. Central st. Tel. 962-3.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both newsstands at the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

MONEY TO LOAN

NOTES OF SALARIED PEOPLE and women keeping house and others, bought without security, easy payment. Office in 66 principles of the Don't be deceived. Investigate actual facts of others, then save money by trading here. D. H. Tolman, Room 45, 45 Merrimack St.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Senate and the House of Representatives:

The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of amity and good understanding and are very generally satisfactory.

Europe.

Pursuant to the provisions of the general treaty of arbitration concluded between the United States and Great Britain, April 4, 1908, a special agreement was entered into between the two countries on Jan. 27, 1909, for the submission of questions relating to the fisheries on the north Atlantic coast to a tribunal to be formed from members of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

In accordance with the provisions of the special agreement the printed case of each government was, on Oct. 4 last, submitted to the other and to the arbitral tribunal at The Hague, and the counter case of the United States is now in course of preparation.

The American rights under the fisheries article of the treaty of 1818 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly seventy years. The interests involved are of great importance to the American fishing industry, and the final settlement of the controversy will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint. This is the first case involving such great international questions which has been submitted to the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

The treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning the Canadian International boundary, concluded April 11, 1908, authorizes the appointment of two commissioners to define and mark accurately the international boundary line between the United States and the Dominion of Canada in the waters of the Passamaquoddy bay and provides for the exchange of briefs within the period of six months. The briefs were duly presented within the prescribed period, but as the commissioners failed to agree within six months after the exchange of the printed statements, as required by the treaty, it has now become necessary to resort to the arbitration provided for in the article.

The international fisheries commission appointed pursuant to and under the authority of the convention of April 11, 1908, between the United States and Great Britain has completed a system of uniform and common international regulations for the protection and preservation of the food fishes in international boundary waters of the United States and Canada.

The regulations will be duly submitted to congress with a view to the enactment of such legislation as will be necessary under the convention to put them into operation.

The convention providing for the settlement of international differences between the United States and Canada, including the apportionment between the two countries of certain of the boundary waters and the appointment of commissioners to adjust certain other questions, signed on the 11th day of January, 1909, and to the ratification of which the senate gave its advice and consent on March 3, 1909, has not yet been ratified on the part of Great Britain.

Commissioners have been appointed on the part of the United States to act jointly with commissioners on the part of Canada in examining into the question of obstructions in the St. John river between Maine and New Brunswick and to make recommendations for the regulation of the uses thereof and are now engaged in this work.

Protecting the Seals.

Negotiations for an international conference to consider and reach an arrangement providing for the preservation and protection of the fur seals in the north Pacific are in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Japan and Russia. The attitude of the governments interested leads me to hope for a satisfactory settlement of this question as the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

The second peace conference recently held at The Hague adopted a convention for the establishment of an international prize court upon the joint proposal of delegations of the United States, France, Germany and Great Britain. The law to be observed by the tribunal in the decision of prize cases was, however, left in an uncertain and therefore unsatisfactory state. Article 7 of the convention provided that the court was to be governed by the provisions of treaties existing between the belligerents, but that "in the absence of such provisions the court shall apply the rules of international law. If no generally recognized rule exists the court shall give judgment in accordance with the general principles of justice and equity." As, however, many questions in international maritime law are understood differently and therefore interpreted differently in various countries, it was deemed advisable not to intrust legislative powers to the proposed court, but to determine the rules of law properly applicable in a conference of the representative maritime nations.

Pursuant to an invitation of Great Britain a conference was held at London from Dec. 2, 1908, to Feb. 28, 1909, in which the following powers participated: The United States, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia and Spain. The conference resulted in the declaration of London, unanimously agreed to and signed by the participating powers, concerning, among other matters, the highly important subjects of blockade, contraband, the destruc-

tion of neutral prizes and continuous voyages.

The declaration of London is an eminently satisfactory codification of the international maritime law, and it is hoped that its reasonableness and fairness will secure its general adoption, as well as remove one of the difficulties standing in the way of the establishment of an international prize court.

Under the authority given in the sundry civil appropriation act, approved March 4, 1909, the United States was represented at the international conference on maritime law at Brussels. The conference met on the 25th of September last and resulted in the signature and referendum of a convention for the unification of certain regulations with regard to maritime assistance and salvage and a convention for the unification of certain rules with regard to collisions at sea.

Two new projects of conventions which have not heretofore been considered in a diplomatic conference—namely, one concerning the limitation or the responsibility of shipowners and the other concerning marine mortgages and privileges—have been submitted by the conference to the different governments.

The conference adjourned to meet again on April 11, 1910.

The international conference for the purpose of promoting uniform legislation concerning letters of exchange, which was called by the government of the Netherlands to meet at The Hague in September, 1909, has been postponed to meet at that capital in June, 1910. The United States will be appropriately represented in this conference under the provision thereof already made by congress.

The cordial invitation of Belgium to be represented by a fitting display of American progress in the useful arts and inventions at the world's fair to be held at Brussels in 1910 remains to be acted upon by the congress. Mindful of the advantages to accrue to our artisans and producers in competition with their continental rivals, I renew the recommendation heretofore made that provision be made for acceptance of the invitation and adequate representation in the exposition.

The question arising out of the Belgian annexation of the Independent State of the Congo, which has long and earnestly preoccupied the attention of this government and enlisted the sympathy of our best citizens, is still open, but in a more hopeful stage. This government was among the foremost in the great work of uplifting the uncivilized regions of Africa and urging the extension of the benefits of civilization, education and fruitful open commerce to that vast domain and is a party to treaty engagements of all the interested powers designed to carry out that great duty to humanity. The way to better the original and adventitious conditions, so burdensome to the natives and so destructive to their development, has been pointed out, by observation and experience, not alone of American representatives, but by cumulative evidence from all quarters and by the investigations of Belgian agents. The announced programs of reforms, striking at many of the evils known to exist, are an augury of better things. The attitude of the United States is one of benevolent encouragement, coupled with a hopeful trust that the good work, responsibly undertaken and zealously perfected to the accomplishment of the results so ardently desired, will soon justify the wisdom that inspires them and satisfy the demands of humane sentiment throughout the world.

German Patents.

A convention between the United States and Germany, under which the nonworking provisions of the German patent law are made inapplicable to the patents of American citizens, was concluded on Feb. 23, 1909, and is now in force. Negotiations for similar conventions looking to the placing of American inventors on the same footing as nationals have recently been initiated with other European governments whose laws require the local working of foreign patents.

Under an appropriation made at the last session of the congress a commission was sent on American cruisers to Monrovia to investigate the interests of the United States and its citizens in Liberia. Upon its arrival at Monrovia the commission was enthusiastically received and during its stay in Liberia was everywhere met with the heartiest expressions of good will for the American government and people, and the hope was repeatedly expressed on all sides that this government might see its way clear to do something to relieve the critical position of the republic arising in a measure from external as well as internal and financial embarrassments.

The Liberian government afforded every facility to the commission for ascertaining the true state of affairs. The commission also had conferences with representative citizens, interested foreigners and the representatives of foreign governments in Monrovia. Visits were made to various parts of the republic and to the neighboring British colony of Sierra Leone, where the commission was received by and conferred with the governor.

Helping Liberia.

It will be remembered that the interest of the United States in the republic of Liberia springs from the historical fact of the foundation of the republic by the colonization of American citizens of the African race. In an early treaty with Liberia there is a provision under which the United

States may be called upon for advice or assistance. Pursuant to this provision and in the spirit of the moral relationship of the United States to Liberia that republic last year asked this government to lend assistance in the solution of certain of their national problems, and hence the commission was sent.

The report of our commissioners has just been completed and is now under examination by the department of state. It is hoped that there may result some helpful measures, in which case it may be my duty again to invite your attention to this subject.

The Norwegian government, by a note addressed on Jan. 26, 1909, to the department of state, conveyed an invitation to the government of the United States to take part in a conference which it is understood will be held in February or March, 1910, for the purpose of devising means to remedy existing conditions in the Spitzbergen islands.

This invitation was conveyed under the reservation that the question of altering the status of the islands as countries belonging to no particular state and as equally open to the citizens and subjects of all states should not be raised.

The European powers invited to this conference by the government of Norway were Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Sweden and the Netherlands.

The department of state, in view of profits filed with it in 1906, showing the American possession, occupation and working of certain coal bearing lands in Spitzbergen, accepted the invitation under the reservation above stated and under the further reservation that all interests in those islands already vested should be protected and that there should be equality of opportunity for the future. It was further pointed out that membership in the conference on the part of the United States was qualified by the consideration that this government would not become a signatory to any conventional arrangement concluded by the European members of the conference which would imply contribution to the enforcement of any scheme of administration which might be devised by the conference for the islands.

The Near East.

His majesty Mehmed V, sultan of Turkey, recently sent to this country a special embassy to announce his accession. The quick transition of the government of the Ottoman empire from one of retrograde tendencies to a constitutional government with a parliament and with progressive modern policies of reform and public improvement is one of the important phenomena of our times. Constitutional government seems also to have made further advance in Persia. These events have turned the eyes of the world upon the near east. In that quarter the prestige of the United States has spread widely through the peaceful influence of American schools, universities and missionaries. There is every reason why we should obtain a greater share of the commerce of the near east since the conditions are more favorable now than ever before.

Latin America.

One of the happiest events in recent pan-American diplomacy was the pacific, independent settlement by the governments of Bolivia and Peru of a boundary difference between them, which for some weeks threatened to cause war and even to entail bitter feuds affecting other republics less directly concerned. From various quarters, directly or indirectly concerned, the intermediation of the United States was sought to assist in a solution of the controversy. Desiring at all times to abstain from any undue mingling in the affairs of sister republics and having faith in the ability of the governments of Peru and Bolivia themselves to settle their difference in a manner satisfactory to themselves, which viewed with magnanimity, would assuage all bitterness, this government steadily abstained from being drawn into the controversy and was much gratified to find its confidence justified by events.

On the 9th of July next there will open at Buenos Aires the fourth pan-American conference. This conference will have a special meaning to the hearts of all Americans because around its date are clustered the anniversaries of the independence of so many of the American republics. It is not necessary for me to remind the congress of the political, social and commercial importance of these gatherings. You are asked to make liberal appropriation for our participation. If this be granted it is my purpose to appoint a distinguished and representative delegation qualified fittingly to represent this country and to deal with the problems of intercontinental interest which will there be discussed.

The Argentine Republic will also hold from May to November, 1910, at Buenos Aires a great international agricultural exhibition, in which the United States has been invited to participate. Considering the rapid growth of the trade of the United States with the Argentine Republic and the cordial relations existing between the two nations, together with the fact that it provides an opportunity to show deference to a sister republic on the occasion of the celebration of its national independence, the proper departments of this government are taking steps to apprise the interests concerned of the opportunity afforded by this exhibition, in which appropriate participation by this country is so desirable. The designation of an official representative is also receiving consideration.

Today more than ever before American capital is seeking investment in

foreign countries, and American products are more and more generally seeking foreign markets. As a consequence in all countries there are American citizens and American interests to be protected on occasion by their government. These movements bring peoples and governments closer together and so form bonds of peace and mutual dependency, as they must also naturally sometimes make passing points of friction. The resultant situation inevitably imposes upon this government vastly increased responsibilities. This administration, through the department of state and the foreign service, is lending all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enterprises in foreign countries, the degree of such support being measured by the national advantages to be expected. A citizen himself cannot by contract or otherwise divest himself of the right, nor can this government escape the obligation, of his protection in his personal and property rights when these are unjustly infringed in a foreign country. To avoid ceaseless vexation it is proper that in considering whether American enterprise should be encouraged or supported in a particular country the government should give full weight not only to the national as opposed to the individual benefits to accrue, but also to the fact whether or not the government of the country in question is in its administration and in its diplomacy faithful to the principles of moderation, equity and justice upon which alone depends international credit in diplomacy as well as in finance.

The pan-American policy of this government has long been fixed in its principles and remains unchanged. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south of us, most of which have great natural resources, stable government and progressive ideals, the apprehension which gave rise to the Monroe doctrine may be said to have nearly disappeared, and neither the doctrine as it exists nor any other doctrine of American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

Beside the fundamental doctrines of our pan-American policy there have grown up a realization of political interests, community of institutions and ideals and a flourishing commerce. All these bonds will be greatly strengthened as time goes on and increased facilities, such as the great bunk soon to be established in Latin America, supply the means for building up the colossal intercontinental commerce of the future.

My meeting with President Diaz and the greeting exchanged on both American and Mexican soil served, I hope, to signalize the close and cordial relations which so well bind together this republic and the great republic immediately to the south, between which there is so vast a network of material interests.

I am happy to say that all but one of the cases which for so long vexed our relations with Venezuela have been settled within the past few months and that, under the enlightened regime now directing the government of Venezuela, provision has been made for arbitration of the remaining case before The Hague tribunal.

On July 30, 1909, the government of Panama agreed, after considerable negotiation, to indemnify the relatives of the American officers and sailors who were brutally treated, one of them having, indeed, been killed, by the Panamanian police this year.

The sincere desire of the government of Panama to do away with a situation where such an accident could occur is manifest in the recent request in compliance with which this government has lent the services of an officer of the army to be employed by the government of Panama as instructor of police.

The sanitary improvements and public works undertaken in Cuba prior to the present administration of that government, in the success of which the United States is interested under the treaty, are reported to be making good progress, and since the congress provided for the continuance of the reciprocal commercial arrangement between Cuba and the United States assurance has been received that no negotiations injuriously affecting the situation will be undertaken without consultation.

The collection of the customs of the Dominican Republic through the general receiver of customs appointed by the president of the United States in accordance with the convention of Feb. 8, 1907, has proceeded in an uneventful and satisfactory manner. The customs receipts have decreased owing to disturbed political and economic conditions and to a very natural curtailment of imports in view of the anticipated revision of the Dominican tariff schedule. The payments to the fiscal agency fund for the service of the bonded debt of the republic, as provided by the convention, have been regularly and promptly made, and satisfactory progress has been made in carrying out the provisions of the convention looking toward the completion of the adjustment of the debt and the acquiescence by the Dominican government of certain concessions and monopolies which have been a burden to the commerce of the country. In short, the receivership has demonstrated its ability, even under unfavorable economic and political conditions, to do the work for which it was intended.

This government was obliged to intervene diplomatically to bring about arbitration or settlement of the claim of the Emery company against Nicaragua, which it had long before been agreed should be arbitrated. A settlement of this troublesome case was

reached by the signature of a protocol on Sept. 18, 1909.

Claim Against Chile.

Many years ago diplomatic intervention became necessary to the protection of the interests in the American claim of Alsop & Co. against the government of Chile. The government of Chile had frequently admitted obligation in the case and had promised this government to settle it. There had been two abortive attempts to do so through arbitral commissions which failed through lack of jurisdiction. Now, happily, as the result of the recent diplomatic negotiations, the governments of the United States and of Chile, actuated by the sincere desire to free from any strain both cordial and friendly relations upon which both set such store, have agreed by a protocol to submit the controversy to definitive settlement by his Britannic majesty Edward VII.

Since the Washington conventions of 1907 were communicated to the government of the United States as a consulting and advising party this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another and in turn by all of the five Central American republics to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Zelaya government of Nicaragua, which has kept Central America in constant tension or turmoil. The responses made to the representations of Central American republics as due from the United States on account of its relation to the Washington conventions have been at all times conservative and have avoided, so far as possible, any semblance of interference, although it is very apparent that the considerations of geographic proximity to the canal zone and of the very substantial American interests in Central America give to the United States a special position in the zone of these republics and the Caribbean sea.

I need not rehearse here the patient efforts of this government to promote peace and welfare among these republics, efforts which are fully appreciated by the majority of them who are loyal to their true interests. It would be no less unnecessary to rehearse here the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of President Zelaya himself. They were officers in the organized forces of a revolution which had continued many weeks and was in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war.

At the date when this message is printed this government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government for reasons made public in a communication to the former Nicaraguan charge d'affaires and is intending to take such future steps as may be found most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization. It may later be necessary for me to bring this subject to the attention of the congress in a special message.

Bureau of American Republics.

The international bureau of American republics has carried on an important and increasing work during the last year. In the exercise of its peculiar functions as an international agency, maintained by all the American republics for the development of pan-American commerce and friendship, it has accomplished a great practical good which could be done in the same way by no individual department or bureau of one government and is therefore deserving of your liberal support. The fact that it is about to enter a new building, erected through the munificence of an American philanthropist and the contributions of all the American nations, where both its efficiency of administration and expense of maintenance will naturally be much augmented, further entitles it to special consideration.

The Far East.

In the far east this government preserves unchanged its policy of supporting the principle of equality of opportunity and scrupulous respect for the integrity of the Chinese empire, to which policy are pledged the interested powers of both east and west.

By the treaty of 1903 China has undertaken the abolition of illicit with a moderate and proportionate raising of the customs tariff along with currency reform. These reforms being of manifest advantage to foreign commerce as well as to the interests of China, this government is endeavoring to facilitate these measures and the needful acquiescence of the treaty powers. When it appeared that Chinese illicit revenues were to be hypothecated to foreign bankers in connection with a great railway project it was obvious that the governments whose nationals held this loan would have a certain direct interest in the question of the carrying out by China of the reforms in question. Because this railroad loan represented a practical and real application of the open door policy through co-operation with China by interested powers, as well as because of its relations to the reforms referred to above, the administration deemed American participation to be of great national interest. Happily, when it was a matter of broad policy urgent that this opportunity should not be lost, the indispensable instrumentalities presented itself when a group of American bankers of international reputation and great resources agreed at once to share in the loan upon precisely such terms as this government should approve. The chief of those terms was that American railway material should be upon an exact equality with that of the other nationals join-

ing in the loan in the placing of orders for this whole railroad system. After months of negotiation the equal participation of Americans seems at last assured. It is gratifying that Americans will thus take their share in this extension of these great highways of trade and to believe that such activities will give a real impetus to our commerce and will prove a practical corollary to our historic policy in the far east.

The imperial Chinese government in pursuance of its decision to devote funds from the portion of the indemnity remitted by the United States to the sending of students to this country has already completed arrangements for carrying out this purpose, and a considerable body of students have arrived to take up their work in our schools and universities. No one can doubt the happy effect that the associations formed by these representative young men will have when they return to take up their work in the progressive development of their country.

The results of the opium conference held at Shanghai last spring at the invitation of the United States have been laid before the government. The report shows that China is making remarkable progress and admirable efforts toward the eradication of the opium evil and that the governments concerned have not allowed their commercial interests to interfere with a helpful co-operation in this reform. Collateral investigations of the opium question in this country lead me to recommend that the manufacture, sale and use of opium and its derivatives in the United States should be so far as possible more vigorously controlled by legislation.

In one of the Chinese-Japanese conventions of Sept. 4 of this year there was a provision which caused considerable public apprehension in that upon its face it was believed in some quarters to seek to establish a monopoly of mining privileges along the South Manchurian and Antung-Mukden railroads and thus to exclude Americans from a wide field of enterprise, to take part in which they were by treaty with China entitled. After a thorough examination of the conventions and of the several contextual documents the secretary of state reached the conclusion that no such monopoly was intended or accomplished. However, in view of the widespread discussion of this question, to confirm the view it had reached this government made inquiry of the imperial Chinese and Japanese governments and received from each official assurance that the provision had no purpose inconsistent with the policy of equality of opportunity to which the signatories, in common with the United States, are pledged.

Relations With Japan.

Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial, as usual. As the representative of Japan his imperial highness Prince Kuni visited the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The recent visit of a delegation of prominent business men as guests of the chambers of commerce of the Pacific slope, whose representatives had been so agreeably received in Japan, will doubtless contribute to the growing trade across the Pacific as well as to that mutual understanding which leads to mutual appreciation. The arrangement of 1908 for a co-operative control of the coming of laborers to the United States has proved to work satisfactorily. The matter of a revision of the existing treaty between the United States and Japan which is terminable in 1912 is already receiving the study of both countries.

The department of state is considering the revision in whole or in part of the existing treaty with Siam, which was concluded in 1856 and is now, in respect to many of its provisions, out of date.

The Department of State.

I earnestly recommend to the favorable action of the congress the estimates submitted by the department of state and most especially the legislation suggested in the secretary of state's letter of this date whereby it will be possible to develop and make permanent the reorganization of the department upon modern lines in a manner to make it a thoroughly efficient instrument in the furtherance of our foreign trade and of American interests abroad. The plan to have divisions of Latin American and far eastern affairs and to institute a certain specialization in business with Europe and the near east will at once commend itself. These politico-geographical divisions and the detail from the diplomatic or consular service to the department of a number of men who bring to the study of complicated problems in different parts of the world practical knowledge recently gained on the spot clearly is of the greatest advantage to the secretary of state in foreseeing conditions likely to arise and in conducting the great variety of correspondence and negotiation. It should be remembered that such facilities exist in the foreign offices of all the leading commercial nations and that to deny them to the secretary of state would be to place this government at a great disadvantage in the rivalry of commercial competition.

Improved Consular Service.

The consular service has been greatly improved under the law of April 5, 1906, and the executive order of June 27, 1906, and I commend to your consideration the question of embodying in a statute the principles of the present executive order upon which the efficiency of our consular service is wholly dependent.

In modern times political and commercial interests are interrelated, and in the negotiation of commercial treaties, conventions and tariff agreements, the keeping open of opportunities and the proper support of American enterprises our diplomatic service is quite

as important as the consular service to the business interests of the country. Impressed with this idea and convinced that selection after rigorous examination, promotion for merit solely and the experience only to be gained through the continuity of an organized service are indispensable to a high degree of efficiency in the diplomatic service, I have signed an executive order as the first step toward this very desirable result. Its effect should be to place all secretaries in the diplomatic service in much the same position as consular officers are now placed and to lead to the promotion of the most efficient to the grade of minister, generally leaving for outside appointment such posts of the grade of ambassador or minister as it may be expedient to fill from without the service. It is proposed also to continue the practice instituted last summer of giving to all newly appointed secretaries at least one month's thorough training in the department of state before they proceed to their posts. This has been done for some time in regard to the consular service with excellent results.

Under a provision of the act of Aug. 6, 1909, I have appointed three officials to assist the officers of the government in collecting information necessary to a wise administration of the tariff act of Aug. 5, 1909. As to questions of customs administration they are co-operating with the officials of the treasury department and as to matters of the needs and the exigencies of our manufacturers and exporters with the department of commerce and labor in its relation to the domestic aspect of the subject of foreign commerce. In the study of foreign tariff treatment they will assist the bureau of trade relations of the department of state. It is hoped thus to co-ordinate and bring to bear upon this most important subject all the agencies of the government which can contribute anything to its efficient handling.

As a consequence of section 2 of the tariff act of Aug. 6, 1909, it becomes the duty of the secretary of state to conduct as diplomatic business all the negotiations necessary to place him in a position to advise me as to whether or not a particular country unduly discriminates against the United States in the sense of the statute referred to. The great scope and complexity of this work, as well as the obligation to lend all proper aid to our expanding commerce, are met by the expansion of the bureau of trade relations as set forth in the estimates for the department of state.

Other Departments.

I have thus in some detail described the important transactions of the state department since the beginning of this administration for the reason that there is no provision either by statute or custom for a formal report by the secretary of state to the president or to congress, and a presidential message is the only means by which the condition of our foreign relations is brought to the attention of congress and the public.

In dealing with the affairs of the other departments, the heads of which all submit annual reports, I shall touch only those matters that seem to me to call for special mention on my part without minimizing in any way the recommendations made by them for legislation affecting their respective departments, in all of which I wish to express my general concurrence.

Government Expenditures and Revenues.

Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditures and sufficiency of revenue. The deficit of the last fiscal year and the certain deficit of the current year prompted congress to throw a greater responsibility on the executive and the secretary of the treasury than had heretofore been declared by statute. This declaration imposes upon the secretary of the treasury the duty of assembling all the estimates of the executive departments, bureaus and offices of the expenditures necessary in the ensuing fiscal year and of making an estimate of the revenues of the government for the same period, and if a probable deficit is thus shown it is made the duty of the president to recommend the method by which such deficit can be met.

Estimated Deficit \$73,075,600.

The report of the secretary shows that the ordinary expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, will exceed the estimated receipts by \$84,075,620. If to this deficit are added the sum to be disbursed for the Panama canal, amounting to \$38,000,000, and \$1,000,000 to be paid on the public debt, the deficit of ordinary receipts and expenditures will be increased to a total deficit of \$73,075,620. This deficit the secretary proposes to meet by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama canal. I approve this proposal.

The policy of paying for the construction of the Panama canal not out of current revenue, but by bond issue, was adopted in the Spooner act of 1902, and there seems to be no good reason for departing from the principle by which a part at least of the burden of the cost of the canal shall fall upon our posterity, who are to enjoy it, and there is all the more reason for this view because the actual cost to date of the canal, which is now half done and which will be completed Jan. 1, 1915, shows that the cost of engineering and construction will be \$297,706,000 instead of \$130,705,200, as originally estimated. In addition to engineering and construction, the other expenses, including sanitation and government and the amount paid for the properties, the franchise and the privilege of building the canal, increase the cost by \$75,255,000, a total of \$375,201,000. The increase in

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So impressive were the Passion Play pictures given at Hathaway's theatre, last Sunday, that Manager Shannon has secured the wonderful Ellsworth collection for next Sunday, afternoon and evening. The next decennial performance by the spiritual peasantry of Oberammergau, the Bavarian village, will fall next year. The play is given but once every 10 years, and the greater part of the characters shown are those who will have the parts in 1910. Among them are Anton Lang, who will take the part of Christ; Alfred Bierling, John Andreas Lang, Peter and Otilia Zwick, Mary, Johann Zwick will have the part of Judas, the longest of the play. The peasants who give this remarkable moving performance do not do it for pecuniary reward. The money received goes to the community. Every scene in the play centers upon the person of Christ. No outward show moves these actors in this Passion Play. The whole significance is bound up in the idea. The Ellsworth pictures are remarkably clear ones, quite the best in existence. Popular prices will prevail.

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\$250,000 ESTATE STRUCK BY TRAIN

Man Instantly Killed at Woburn

WOBURN, Dec. 7.—Antonio di Angeli, aged 18, was struck by an express train at Walnut Hill station yesterday afternoon and instantly killed. Di Angeli, who resided with his crippled father at 47 Erie street, Montvale, was employed as a section hand on the Boston & Maine railroad and was

working at track repairing near the Walnut Hill station in company with half a dozen others.

On the approach of the northbound express that leaves Boston at 1 p. m. the workmen hastened to step from the track. It is thought di Angeli did not understand how fast the train was running, and was a little late in leaving his work.

He was struck by the engine and hurled several feet, sustaining a compound fracture of the skull. When his companions reached him he was dead. Medical Examiner Harrison G. Blake of this city viewed the body.

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Was Left by William Corbett, a Junk Dealer

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Evidence in the contest over the estate of \$250,000 left by William J. Corbett, a junk dealer, was heard by Judge George of the probate court, yesterday.

Albert and Frederick Barlow, half brothers of the deceased, claim the estate with James Corbett, a brother, who is missing. Four children of Mary Parret, who married Corbett in 1873, but later obtained a divorce in Philadelphia, put in a claim alleging their oldest brother, Joseph Corbett, was a son of the deceased. T. H. Hyndale, as public administrator, seeks to get the estate if there is no lawful heir or next of kin. Bartholomew A. Bricklemyer represented two creditors.

John P. Fitzgerald, James Howell, Mrs. Annie Dolan and William Crowley knew the intestate; they knew his mother, Mrs. Corbett, married Edward Barlow and that the Barlow household consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, William, Thomas and James Corbett, Frederick and Albert Barlow. They did not know of the marriage of Corbett and Mary Parret, though he told Mrs. Dolan that he was going to marry her and she later heard talk of a marriage.

Oliver J. Blanchard and John R. Stewart never heard of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow questioned, John H. Wallace, James F. Dillon and Timothy Shea never knew Corbett was married.

Frederick Barlow testified he was born July 4, 1857. His mother was Jane R. Barlow; his father Edward. He said in 1880 his father got into difficulty and transferred the business to Corbett. Corbett told witness he intended to give the property to him, his brother Albert and Jim Corbett.

Jesse C. Ivy produced a copy of the record in the divorce proceedings brought by Mrs. Corbett against William J. Corbett. She testified that she was married in 1873; her name was Mary Parret. The ceremony was performed at a justice of the peace. Her husband told her after the wedding that he did not care for her because she was a Jew and he was a Catholic. At Philadelphia, Dec. 4, 1874, the divorce was made final. She testified at the trial that she never had a child by Corbett. In 1877 she was married to Jacob Marks and had four children by him, said counsel.

In presenting the dates of the births

of the children of Jacob and Mary Marks counsel said so far as the claimants from Philadelphia were concerned they had no standing.

Mr. Barlow then told of his business relations with William J. Corbett. He denied he owed the estate \$3500. He said \$500 would fully cover all he owed his brother William.

Albert Barlow, half-brother of the deceased, said he was in business with Corbett 10 years. His mother died when he was 5 years old. Never heard the marriage of his parents questioned. He gave Jim Corbett \$9 a week for eight of nine years.

Counsel offered the petition for letters of administration on the estate of Jane R. Barlow by William J. Corbett. It appeared that her children were William J. Corbett, Thomas Corbett, James Corbett, Frederick Barlow and Albert Barlow, and that her husband was Edward Barlow. Thomas Corbett had died. In a deed by Corbett and Edward, it appeared that the first three were children of Jane R. Barlow, and Edward was her husband.

CHATHAM, Dec. 7.—The Monomoy life-saving crew went out early today to the assistance of an unknown schooner which was displacing signals of distress in Pollock Rip since about three-quarters of a mile south of the ship. The vessel appeared to be lumber-laden and it was said she was in collision. The weather during the morning was somewhat hazy and both wind and tide were favorable for the schooner to go over the rocks.

One of the Metropolitan line steamers was seen to lay abreast of the schooner and speak her and then proceeded.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Attorney General Wickersham has revived an old custom at the supreme court of the United States.

Ever since the organization of that august court quills have been provided for the learned representatives of the government and attorneys appearing before the court. When the fountain pen became popular the quills remained on the table in front of the lawgivers in ink until relic hunters bore them away. One day when the attorney general fumbled in his pocket in vain for a pencil or fountain pen he seized the quill and dashed off as good a hand as John Hancock ever wrote. Now he uses the quills every time he attends court. Others have followed his

example and a new supply of quills has been provided by the officials of the court.

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GREAT DEMOCRATIC RALLY

WINTER MEETING

Middlesex North Held Annual Session in Dracut

The public winter meeting of the state board of agriculture for lectures and discussions, opened at Grange hall, Dracut Centre, this forenoon, and will continue today, tomorrow and Thursday.

This meeting is of great interest to the big farmer as well as the market gardener and before the noon hour today the hall was well filled. Lowell and all of the surrounding towns were represented.

These meetings have been held every year from the beginning of the work of the state board, and were the first instances in this state of vocational instruction outside of educational institutions. The state board holds this meeting as the result of an invitation extended by the Middlesex North society last winter.

J. Lewis Ellsworth, secretary of the state board of agriculture, called to order and introduced Rep.-elect George H. Stevens, who gave the address of welcome. Mr. Stevens said many nice things about the Middlesex North and paid high tribute to the memory of the late Arthur H. Clew, who was president of the Middlesex North society. Mr. Stevens spoke of the educational side of the society, and said that the good it was doing would be made more manifest in years to come.

Reference to Mr. Stevens' words of welcome was made by Mr. John Burley, second vice president of the state board. Mr. Burley spoke somewhat reminiscently and told of his early introduction into the society's ranks. Mr. Burley was made the presiding officer. He belongs in West Barnstable.

Mr. H. B. Fullerton
Mr. Burley, after his interesting remarks, introduced as the speaker of the forenoon, Mr. H. B. Fullerton, superintendent of agricultural development of the Long Island railroad. Mr. Burley is a typical foreigner. His subject was "Market Gardening," and he said in the beginning that he was liable to tear the English language all to pieces. "I am liable to use slang," he said, "and I understand they don't like that in Boston."

He said he was more of a cowboy than a farmer as that was his early occupation. He made his hearers sit up and take notice when he said that he presumed he didn't have a bone in his body that hadn't at some time been broken, but he was never sick in his life and never had a headache.

Mr. Fullerton showed pictures that he referred to occasionally, and he said the pictures were proof of what he said and that he spoke from statistics and not from hearsay or fancy.

If there was one thing that Mr. Fullerton scored real hard it was the New York flat. "Why," he said, "those flats are regular suicide boxes. I know because I lived there. I'm not a very big man and I lived in a flat where when I wanted to go through the hall I had to go sideways. He said the ice chest stood close by the parlor door and the dining room was so small that the folks had to leave the table, one at a time. There was no air left in the rooms after the fathers and plasterers got through with them.

"People living in those flats don't have children because the children couldn't live there."

There were no dull moments while Mr. Fullerton was speaking. He interspersed his talk with a humor that

was absolutely original and refreshing. Speaking of his wife, he said that when he popped the question he told her just how much he earned. "I told her," he said, "that I drank, smoked and sometimes swore like a trooper. Her family were Quakers and they were opposed to me, but she allowed that she could reform me, and she did to the extent that I stopped drinking."

Mr. Fullerton took to task Mr. Luther Burbank, the man who claims to have created new fruits and other things by grafting, not political grafting, but the kind that makes plums grow from apple trees. There is a certain cactus that Mr. Burbank claims to have created, but Mr. Fullerton says he didn't because he cut the same kind of cactus on the prairie years and years ago. He also discredited the Burbank plum. "That plum," he said, "is thousands of years old, and that's a few years older than Burbank. There is only one creator, and Burbank is not that one."

As to market gardening that to cultivate two or three acres and do it right was going some. He told of the waste land; land that people said was no good and how it was developed. He said that his great desire was to prove that Long Island was the market spot of New York city. He told an interesting story of his introduction to Long Island. There was land there that the government said was no good; everybody said it was no good. "Why," said he, "one man who lived there as boy and man told me with tears in his eyes that the land would not raise anything; that there was frost there every day, winter and summer."

"Well, sir, we went to work and in one year we had grown 300 varieties of plants and vegetables."

He spoke strongly in favor of irrigation. He said he never knew water to kill a plant. "That much I learned from nature," he said. "I have known the Lord to send a shower when the sun was shining and the shower did not kill the tenderest plant."

Perhaps the most interesting part of Mr. Fullerton's story had to do with the sale of vegetables to persons living in flats in New York city. He said it was a case of doing away with the middle man, who was buying automobiles, steam whips, aeroplanes and mansions at the expense of the farmer and the consumer. To demonstrate how it was done, Mr. Fullerton took from a crate that he had shipped from Long Island boxes of vegetables which he said were samples of boxes sold in New York city. These boxes are sold to persons living in flats. They are sold a good deal cheaper than the vegetable that passed through the hands of the rich middle man.

"You know," he said, "there is no room for the people who are having for the good things that you can raise here in old New England. The people are tired of this far west and far south and foreign stuff. Get busy; there's a good market awaiting you and howling for you to start."

"You may strike a fellow who doesn't want vegetables, but perhaps he would like some berries, and it's up to you to have the berries for him. You can sell all the goods that you can raise." Mr. Fullerton talked interestingly of his experiments with foreign fruit and vegetables. He said that he had had good success with stuff that people had said wouldn't grow in this country. He told of a Japan pumpkin the seed of which was given him by a Jap. It can be grown here, he said, and it's a corking nice pumpkin.

Let for story about not being able to grow certain things in this section of the country is a good, clever scheme for the people in other sections and other countries and it has been working all right. We found there were a good many things that we couldn't grow until we planted the seed. At noon, or when Mr. Fullerton had concluded his address and discussion had ended, the grangers adjourned to the lower rooms where one of the old time dinners was served. Everybody had his appetite with him and there were things on the tables that tasted "like what mother used to make."

FULL MARKET REPORT
For complete report of today's New York and Boston stock markets see next edition.

BIG RATIFICATION

Boomed Candidacy of Meehan and Democratic Ticket

Rousing Speeches by Defeated Aspirants for the Nomination — Hon. James B. Casey and Candidate Meehan — The Mayor's Official Acts Criticized — His Claim of Having Reduced the Tax Rate Refuted — Mr. Meehan Pledged Only to the Best Interests of Lowell

The democratic rally held last evening in Associate hall outlived anything of a political nature ever held in Lowell since the days of the lamented Butler, of undying memory, when Lowellites without regard to party turned out to do him honor. Not since Butler's time has such a great gathering assembled under one roof at a political meeting nor has there been such unanimity of feeling nor such genuine and general enthusiasm as was evidenced for over two hours last evening. Each defeated candidate received an equal and a pronounced meed of applause, while the climax was reached when the standard bearer of the party, Joan F. Meehan, was introduced. The enthusiasm was infectious and many reputations present found themselves cheering with their democratic brethren as the different speakers set forth their salient points.

No band nor flaming torches were needed to drum up the crowd and when the speakers arrived at the hall every seat and every available inch of standing room was taken while the ante-room near the stage were also crowded.

"It reminded me of the Butler campaign," remarked an elderly man as he left the hall, referring to the size of the audience.

Throughout the evening with every clique and faction of the democratic party represented both on the platform and in the audience not one discordant note was heard and for once in a long time a thoroughly united party greeted its leader.

Ex-Mayor Casey hit the nail on the head when he said: "On next Tuesday there will be no majority and no minority of the democratic party but our united party."

The speakers assembled in the reception room and amid great applause marched to the stage at 8 o'clock. Upon the stage were Thomas H. Kennedy, chairman of the democratic city committee, James F. Owens, who presided; John F. Meehan, Hon. James B. Casey, Major Robert J. Crowley, James E. O'Donnell, William E. Maloney, James J. Dacey, Alderman Jeremiah Connors, J. A. D. Sullivan, Edward H. Foye, candidate for purchasing agent; Alex. E. Rountree, Owen E. Brennan, Henry Draper, John P. O'Hare, Murthy Lyons, ex-Councilman Patrick Welch and others. In the ante-rooms were the other aldermanic candidates, and many of the candidates for the common council.

Mr. Kennedy called to order and after expressing his pleasure at beholding such a fine attendance introduced the presiding officer, Mr. Owens.

James F. Owens, Chairman

Mr. Owens stated that the democ-

racy has just finished the most celebrated caucus contest in many years and had finished with perfect harmony in the ranks. "A vigorous contest was waged," he said, "but today finds all in harmony to elect an entire ticket on election day. We are all interested in good government and an economical administration of affairs. Men should be nominated who can distinguish between right and wrong. You have nominated a good ticket and have placed at its head a man who is able to distinguish between right and wrong and who is eminently fitted to represent you as chief executive of the city of Lowell."

James E. O'Donnell
The first speaker introduced was James E. O'Donnell, who received a most cordial greeting. Mr. O'Donnell spoke in part as follows:

We should all be proud of this grand meeting for it is a ratification in the full sense of the word. I was a candidate for the nomination but the democrats in their good sound judgment picked a better man. I have been a voter 12 years and have always voted the democratic ticket. I am here tonight because I want to tell you that I am a good loser and will work for the success of Mr. Meehan and the entire democratic ticket. Each defeated candidate must work hard for the entire party ticket. We must earnestly abide by the result of the caucuses. If every man will do his work there is no question of success.

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James F. Owens, Chairman

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SERG'T. HARMON HELD IN \$10,000

Testified at Trial of Son Former Cashier Charged With Larceny

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 7.—Robert DeMuir, the former cashier of the People's Bank & Trust Co., who was arrested last night upon complaint of the state bank commissioners, charged with stealing \$35,000 of the bank's funds, was held in \$10,000 for a hearing one week hence in the city court today.

DeMuir's counsel, Howard C. Webb, said that his client had shown a readiness to return to this city and assist the officers of the bank in straightening out the accounts and that the settlement which DeMuir is accused of stealing was in the possession of the bank. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Cardie said he understood DeMuir at one time had taken a much greater sum but \$100,000 had been recovered.

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STRIKE SITUATION UNCHANGED

STRIKE SITUATION. O. Dec. 7.—The strike situation at the Aetna Standard mills of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Co. is unchanged. No effort was made to resume work at the plant today. All is quiet. Some of the soldiers left this forenoon and a majority of it is said will be sent home during the day.

MEN QUIT WORK

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—About 650 boiler makers, tank men and helpers employed at the American Locomotive works quit work this morning because the company attempted to introduce the standard time system. Not all of the men in these departments went out.

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NIGHT EDITION

THE MESSAGE

Of President Taft Was Read in Congress Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The first annual message of President Taft was delivered to congress today. It was presented in both houses by Assistant Secretary Latta and in both cases was received shortly after 12 o'clock. In the senate when the reading of the message began at 12:12, great interest was manifest by both republicans and democrats.

There was a full attendance of senators on the floor of the chamber and as soon as copies of the documents had been furnished to them they riveted their attention on the printed pages.

Secretary Latta entered the house at 12:14 bearing the message. There was a scramble on the part of members to obtain first copies of the document when the bundles containing them were unwrapped. The speaker at once ordered the clerk to begin the reading of the communication.

The message will be found in full on pages eight and nine.

BIG "BIKE" RACE

The Riders Are Making Very Fast Time

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 7.—After a grueling race all night the six day bicycle riders let down only slightly as daylight approached and at 7 o'clock today the riders were exactly even with the record. Ten of the teams at that hour had traveled 643 and 9-10 miles, which was the record held by Hill and Demara.

Fourteen teams still remain in the race. The original field of seventeen teams was reduced by three during the first hours of racing, two of the teams retiring because of accidents and another pair through exhaustion, so that it became necessary to form a partnership between Carapazzi of Italy and Germain of France.

Four thousand persons remained in the garden over night and through the early morning watching the frantic efforts of the riders to steal a lap. There were very few spills after midnight, and the surviving teams were in fairly good shape at daybreak.

The record breaking race was kept up with very few breathing spells and records were smashed every hour. At 6 o'clock the thirty hour record of a year ago was beaten by three-fifths of a mile, ten of the teams having ridden 625 3-5 miles.

At 9 o'clock this morning twelve teams were still lurching in the lead, three others were a lap behind and another trailed more than two miles behind the leaders.

At 11 o'clock the leaders had pedaled 718 2-5 miles and were still three-fifths of a mile behind the record. The standing at that hour was McFarland-Clark, Earl-Stol, Earl-Pogler, Lawson-Demara, Walthour-Collins, Mitten-West, Cameron-Krebs, Halstead-Laxton, Pye-Hind, Galvin-Keegan, 715 miles and 4 laps; Anderson-Venout, Hill-Stol, George-Georget, 715 miles and 3 laps; Germain-Carapazzi, 710 miles and 3 laps.

The record for the end of the 35th hour is 719 miles, made by Hill and Demara in 1908.

At 1 o'clock Galvin of the Galvin-Keegan team was leading and in forcing the pace boosted the figures at that hour to 739 1-5 miles.

The score at 2 o'clock was:

Hill and Stol, McFarland and Clark, Earl and Pogler, Lawson and Demara, Walthour and Collins, Mitten and West, Cameron and Krebs, Pye and Rehn, Halstead and Keegan.

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6 O'CLOCK ELECTION DAY

Fourteen Bay State Cities Choosing Officials Today

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The voters in 14 out of 33 Massachusetts cities met today to adjust municipal affairs for 1910, most of them to select chief magistrates and city council and all to decide the question of the sale of intoxicating liquors after the first of next May.

The license question was a burning issue in Fall River, Gloucester, Marlboro and New Bedford, now "dry," and Fitchburg, Haverhill, Northampton and Taunton, now "wet," in all of which cities the sentiment has usually been very closely divided.

Of the other cities voting today, Brockton, Quincy and Waltham are now under no-license, and Lawrence, Pittsfield and Springfield under license.

VOTE IN SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 7.—As very little effort was made during the campaign to arouse interest, the election today was the quietest for many years. Mayor William Sanderson, a republican, is a candidate for a fourth term, and is opposed by Edward Lathrop, democrat, who was defeated last year. There was some effort on the part of the no-license workers to change the sentiment of the city regarding liquor selling.

AFTER THIRD TERM

QUINCY, Dec. 7.—There was considerable interest in the city election here today with Mayor Sheen, democratic, and citizen candidate, seeking a third term and opposed by Walter Nichols, republican.

Very little effort was made to arouse interest in the no-license question as the city has never varied in its sentiment against liquor selling.

TAXATION AN ISSUE

WALTHAM, Dec. 7.—The inequities of taxation was the cry by which Patrick J. Dunn, a democrat, sought at the polls today to defeat Mayor Edward Walker, republican, who is seeking a third mayoralty term. The normal republican majority in the city is about 600, but Mr. Dunn was elected to the legislature four terms in succession.

It was expected that the city would remain in the no-license column by the usual large majority.

A SPIRITED CAMPAIGN

FITCHBURG, Dec. 7.—The city election today followed a spirited campaign, Mayor O'Connell seeking a second term and being opposed by Gardner K. Hudson, citizen, who was defeated last year by a close vote. The liquor question was also prominent with the no-license advocates seeking to turn the city to the dry column.

NEW CITY CHARTER

TAUNTON, Dec. 7.—Two things combined to make Taunton's municipal election today unusually interesting. The election was the first held under the new city charter which provides for a single councilmanic chamber of nine members and a two year term of office for both councilmen and mayor. The other feature was the fight over the license question. Both the no-license and the no-license advocates have been conducting a campaign unparalleled locally for its activity. At present Taunton is the only licensed community in Bristol county.

The majority contest is between Mayor Edward L. Hensman and William Woods.

THREE MAYORALTY CANDIDATES

BROCKTON, Dec. 7.—Fair weather, three mayoralty candidates and unusual interest in the municipal election brought out a vote of massive proportions here today. For the mayoralty, C. Chester Eaton, well known in local politics was the republican candidate; former Alderman William H. Clifford was running on an independent ticket with democratic endorsement; while the socialist party was represented by Dana White. Mr. Clifford has been a mayoralty candidate for five successive years, having previously been supported by socialists as well as independents. He has come near being elected on several occasions. The no-license forces have been active and it is expected that the city will remain with the dry.

FARMER TEMPLE'S FIGHT

MARLBORO, Dec. 7.—The city election today had a picturesque feature in the ex-car candidate of Theodore Temple, an independent and a farmer, who is opposed to the re-election of General Henry Parsons, the republican candidate for mayor. John J. Shaght, a democrat, who was defeated by Mayor Parsons last year, was again a candidate, while Orin Lathrop, a socialist, was also on the ticket.

There was much interest in the license question, the city having been

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LEBLANC CASE

Lawyers for Accused Will Offer No Defense

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 7.—No defense will be offered tomorrow at the hearing in Waltham on the charge of murder against Mattie LeBlanc for shooting Clarence Glover on November 20th. Miss LeBlanc was accused of the shooting by Glover just before he died but the young woman who was a maid in the Glover house, denies it.

although admitting that she met Glover at his place of business on the night of the shooting and heard the shots. Nathan Tufts, her attorney, expects that the jury will hold his client for the grand jury but is confident of showing later that a third party, whose identity has not yet been disclosed, was responsible for the murder.

GIVEN UP AS LOST

FINKENWERDER, Hanover, Dec. 7.—Twenty-one cutters of the fishing fleet from this island which was at sea when the recent storm arose have failed to return to port and have been given up as lost. The luckless craft carried one or more members from each of eighty families.

PRESIDENT TAFT

Names 1200 Persons For Federal Offices Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft today sent to the senate a list of about 1200 names for federal offices. Practically all are recess appointments that have been announced from time to time as made, and the greater part of the list is made up of post-offices in the smaller cities and census supervisors.

One of the important new appointments is that of the re-appointment of Franklin Lane as a member of the interior-state commerce commission. Sanford B. Dole, former president of the Hawaiian Islands, has been named by President Taft as United States judge for the territory of Hawaii.

JOHN DREW INJURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—John Drew, the actor, was thrown from his horse while riding with his daughter on the bridge path in Central park today and seriously injured. The horse trampled on the prostrate actor as he lay on the ground. A passing automobile stopped and Mr. Drew was picked up and hurried to the Presbyterian hospital. The extent of his injuries is not known. Mr. Drew is at present appearing in a play in this city.

CHARLES ASHLEY EBBETTS' VOTE

Was Elected Mayor of New Bedford Will be Cast for John M. Ward

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 7.—According to unofficial returns Charles Ashley Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn National league baseball club, issued a statement today declaring that at the annual meeting of the National league in this city on Dec. 14 he would vote for John M. Ward for president as against John A. Heydler, the present incumbent. Mr. Ebbetts expressed his belief that Heydler was "not naturally suited for the presidency." He asserted, however, that he was willing to vote for Heydler for secretary-treasurer for life.

President Ebbetts also declared himself against "syndicate baseball," and in favor of a season of 168 games next year.

NEW GYMNASIUM DEDICATED

WELLESLEY, Dec. 7.—The new Wellesley college gymnasium in Mary Hemenway hall was dedicated today before a distinguished gathering. President Hazard and Miss Amy M. Homans, the director of hygiene and physical education, had charge of the exercises.

The new gym, is the gift of the heirs of Mrs. Hemenway and represents an expenditure of \$100,000.

WOMAN WANTED

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING A CHILD

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Josephine Torrence, of No. 279 Broome street, was arrested yesterday on the charge of having kidnapped an infant boy, given him her care three years ago by Mrs. Annie Ivone, of No. 654 East 10th street, and Seven Avenue street, an agent of the New York Infant Asylum. After caring for the baby, it is charged, she was to have returned it to the institution.

TEACHER FINED

Because He Punished a Pupil

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Denouncing a school teacher "for outrageously beating a pupil," Magistrate Krotel made known in Essex Market court yesterday his decided opposition to corporal punishment.

Jacob Kepner of 345 East 66th street, a teacher in the private Hebrew school at 304 East Sixth street, was before the magistrate on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Officer Farrington of the Children's society, on information furnished by Harry Vager, eight years old, of 61 Sheriff street, one of Kepner's scholars.

The last showed several severe bruises on his shoulder and said the teacher "punched him, beat him, knocked him up against a wall, jerked him around by the ears, pulled his cheeks and struck him with his clenched fist." Emanuel Hartman, 11 years old, of 341 East Eighth street, a fellow pupil, corroborated Vager's story.

The teacher said he merely "showed the boy around a little," but the magistrate accepted the two boys' versions and said: "This boy has been brutally, outrageously beaten. If you (pointing to the defendant teacher) ever raise your hand and strike a child again as you have this time, and you are brought before me, I'll send you to the workhouse. As it is, considering the fact that you have been in this country only three years, I'll fine you \$10, and you are lucky to get off that light. Corporal punishment is a relic of barbarism."

SEN. CULBERSON BETTER

ATLANTA CITY, N. J., Dec. 7.—St. Senator Culbertson of Texas, who is here under the care of a physician, is well enough to spend some time out of doors. The senator is suffering from a nervous affection. He has been here about ten days and it is expected he will remain here for some time seeking rest. The senator is in daily communication with party leaders and others in Washington.

CLOUDS OF SNOW

Swept Over the City of Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Blinding clouds of snow, accompanied by lower temperatures, with temperatures ranging from eight above zero at Oklahoma City to four below at Concordia and Dodge City, Kan.

Denver reports the entire state of Colorado is shivering in the coldest December weather in 31 years. "Ten below" was reached last night. Bitterly cold weather is also reported from southern Wyoming, 12 below being recorded at Laramie last night.

The snowfall in this city was four inches and reports from outside points told of 15 inches on the plains.

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BOY MAYOR

OF MILWAUKEE IS ON NEW YORK CHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Sherburn M. Becker, famous the country over as the "Boy Mayor" of Milwaukee, has purchased a seat on the New York Stock Exchange for \$80,000 and will, in a short time come to this city with his wife to make his home. The sale of the seat on the Exchange was announced last week, but the name of the purchaser was not learned until yesterday.

From roping and branding dyed-in-the-wool party men in Milwaukee, Mr. Becker, who is reputed to be a millionaire, will shortly encounter the bulls and bears of Wall street.

Mr. Becker, in 1905, when thirty years old, was elected mayor of Milwaukee, defeating David S. Rose, a democrat, who had held the office four terms, and who had been repeatedly elected despite the opposition of the newspapers and the republican and socialist votes.

Mr. Becker is a Harvard man. His father was a banker, and his grandfather was the late S. S. Merrill, manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. He was scarcely twenty years old when he married a daughter of Ira B. Smith.

REPORT OF EXECUTION

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—A weekly newspaper published at Mangrove, Nicaragua, dated Nov. 19, has just been received here containing a report of the execution of Cannon and Green, the two Americans, by President Zelaya. The paper asserts that both the Americans were caught in the act of trying to blow up the steamer Diamante, and that they exploded a mine fifteen yards in front of the vessel.

It says that when the men were captured they had in their possession dynamite fuses and machines for causing the explosion and that after a trial at Fort El Castillo for setting mines they were found guilty and shot outside the fort.

TEMPERANCE FORCES ALIVE

NORTHAMPTON, Dec. 7.—Undaunted by the fact that only once in its history has the city of Northampton declared against the licensed sale of liquors, the temperance forces of the city today conducted a spirited fight to put Northampton in the "no" column. An interesting and closely contested mayoralty campaign in which Harry E. Bicknell, democrat and former Rep. Calvin Coolidge, republican, were the candidates also added to the election day enthusiasm. The weather was favorable for a large vote and it was believed that the mayoralty contest and the fight over the license question would be sufficient to bring out a record-breaking number of ballots.

The election of 1887 was the only one in which the no-liquor forces were victorious. Last year the license majority was 252, which was 150 less than the license majority in the preceding year.

MRS. PALMER

PRESIDED OVER A SOCIETY HORSE SHOW

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Potter Palmer, fresh from her social victories in England "presided" last evening at the first purely society horse show ever held in this city. It was the best dressed horse show crowd that ever sat around an arena in Chicago and the horses were well worth looking at. They formed perhaps the finest collection of horseflesh ever seen in this city.

When the show at the big Union stock yards amphitheatre opened the first blast of the trumpets brought into the ring 350 heavy draught horses whose value alone is estimated at \$1,000,000.

BOARD OF POLICE

TO GIVE HEARING AT ITS OFFICE TONIGHT

The board of police will meet in regular session tonight and besides transacting the routine business which will be presented, will give a hearing to Amastios Hontzeas, who conducts a coffee house in Market street.

On the night of Nov. 20 a squad of police visited the coffee house and arrested 15 men. The majority of the men were playing cards for money, it is alleged, and all were found guilty and fined.

M. T. I. BUILDING COMMITTEE

A well attended meeting of the building committee of the Matthews Temperance Institute was held last night in the rooms of the organization in Dutton street. The report of the treasurer of the moving pictures was read and it was of such a gratifying nature that it was voted to turn the proceeds of the shows this week to the society treasury.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD

The Authorities Are Making an Investigation

WILLIAMSTOWN, Dec. 7.—Whether Louis Gardner, an old and well known resident of Williamstown, who died on Sunday night came to his death as the result of an accident or as the result of mistreatment at a sanitarium where he had been placed is a problem that the authorities may be called upon to solve. Medical Examiner Brown of North Adams and Dr. John Hull of this town made an examination of Mr. Gardner's body last night and today another examination was made by Dr. Hull and a physician connected with a sanitarium at Troy, N. Y. where Mr. Gardner was a patient. Judge Sanborn G. Tenney of Williamstown was present at today's examination as the representative of Mr. Gardner's family. The doctors decided that Mr. Gardner's breastbone

was broken and that two ribs had been fractured. The Troy physician stated that he had made investigation at the sanitarium and was satisfied that Mr. Gardner's injuries were caused by a fall. The members of Mr. Gardner's family express surprise and indignation but they are not prepared as yet to make any formal charges.

Lincoln Hitchcock, a member of the board of selectmen and a son-in-law of Mr. Gardner says that the matter will be pressed until it is determined definitely what happened to Mr. Gardner while he was an inmate of the sanitarium. Mr. Gardner, whose health had been failing and whose mind was gone was taken to the sanitarium two weeks ago. He fell rapidly and when members of his family visited him on Saturday he was in such a condition that it was decided to bring him home and he left on Sunday night. During his last hours he stated that great pains had been taken to make his death as comfortable as possible.

DONNA SEYMOUR ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Donna Seymour, an actress, indicted by the May grand jury on a charge of operating a confidence game, is under arrest here. She is wanted, the police say, at Lowell, Mass., New York, Peoria, Ill., and other cities.

The woman, the police assert, has swindled many persons out of amounts ranging from \$300 to \$500 during the last five years. Her method of operation is to advertise in the newspapers for a man to act as "manager and treasurer" of a theatrical troupe, get him to put up all the money he wished to risk and then disappear.

THE ROSALIND IS SAFE

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 7.—Six days overdue on her regular passage from Halifax for this port, the Red Star liner Rosalind arrived here this afternoon. Captain Smith reported the stormiest weather he ever experienced. All the passengers are well and the ship sustained no damage. The Rosalind sailed from New York and called at Halifax, leaving the Nova Scotia city last Tuesday morning.

JOHN M. BURKE

Left Estate Valued at \$5,000,000

to Charity

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—John Masterston Burke, who began his career as a clerk in a Broad street shipping and trading firm and died leaving an estate estimated at over \$5,000,000, gave almost his entire fortune to charity. His will was filed yesterday.

"I am without relatives who are near to me or who have any just claim upon my property," his testament declares. "I have been and is the dominant purpose of my life that the bulk of my estate shall be dedicated to charitable purposes of the general character set forth in the charter of the Winifred Masterston Burke Relief Foundation."

"It has been and is my wish that the fortune which I have accumulated shall be used, not for my own personal gratification, but shall be used wisely and systematically to aid healthy, industrious and thrifty persons who are in need of help and who are especially to help healthy and poor people who shall have been ill, and especially at the period of their recuperation and convalescence from serious illness, and to enable them to better resume the struggle for their livelihood or for the performance of their duties."

The Winifred Masterston Burke Relief Foundation was established by Mr. Burke in 1902 in memory of his mother. The founder named former Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, William Hubbard White, Edward M. Shepard, Frederick H. Newman and Frank K. Sturges as directors of the corporation, the chief purpose of which was to spend the income of a \$1,000,000 fund provided by him for the care of convalescents.

In addition to this sum, the will provides that the residue of his estate after the few legacies have been paid.

"If for any reason," the testator states, "the corporation shall be unable or unwilling to take or use the bequests or devise, then the residue is to go to my executors, William Bayard Cutting, William B. Strong, Henry T. Jones, William H. White and Frank K. Sturges, who shall, as far as practicable, pay over the same to the

LUDLOW STRIKE

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Until the strikers at the mills in Ludlow reject the offer of the state board of conciliation and arbitration nothing further will be done regarding the situation at Ludlow by the state authorities, according to a statement issued today by the board.

The board will not visit Ludlow again unless some action is taken by the parties involved in the strike.

NOTICE, EAGLES

A special meeting of Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 225, will be held at 8 o'clock this evening, at Foresters hall, Middle street. Important special business will be considered.

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tion that we will be successful and we have one of the best tickets ever nominated to support. I shall work until polls close on election day for John F. Meehan and the democratic ticket and I pledge you, my friends, will do likewise.

Major R. J. Crowley

Major Robert J. Crowley was the next speaker and he, too, received a fine greeting. He spoke in part as follows:

Looking at this magnificent gathering it appears to me that it was worth while being a candidate even if unsuccessful. This is such a gathering as I haven't seen in years.

The promises of the candidates made before the caucuses have borne good fruit. When the democrats before the caucuses conducted their campaign as they did we can have success on election day. I said before the caucuses that the man who won the nomination should have the full support of all. There was no logical candidate. Every candidate had a perfect right to run and now every candidate and his friends should support the winner. Nobody has any right or excuse not to support the standard bearer of the party. I, too, am here to verify the statements made by me previously, that I would support that nominee whoever he might be. It was one of the finest campaigns ever conducted. Mr. Meehan did just what I'd do. He got all the votes he could. If this audience doesn't prove that we have a united party we'll never win an election in the next 20 years. I said before the caucuses that any one of the democratic candidates were more capable of filling the office than the republican candidate and I say that there can be no comparison between them as to ability. Previous to November 23 your mayor was an investigator, but now he is a financial king. One would believe he was on a par with Rockefeller and Morgan. He talks about saving \$10,000 as though it were a cent. Where did he ever save a large amount of money? He has \$50 more to do with the water department expenditures and savings than the minister to Dahomey. The expenditures of the water department this year were \$45,000 more than a year ago and he says the water department ought to be investigated.

In the street department a saving has been made and yet he has been trying all year to remove the superintendent. He did make a saving in one department, and I will give him credit for it. He investigated the police department at an expense to the city of about \$11,000, but he saved money in this department by refusing to allow a telephone in the home of the superintendent of police and he also refused to allow the superintendent an \$80 cent stamp. But we don't hear him bragging about saving \$3000 in the charity department. He will not take the credit of saving that money. He isn't proud of it. We have wards who have settlements in this city, people who have fought the battle of life and have failed and who are forced to go to our city institution. But this economical

charity board of Mayor Brown's own creation cut down the food supply and the blankets and sheets of these poor people. If a man is tubercular, instead of this board providing a tubercular ward for his care, he is sent to the state infirmary, where the rift raft of creation is assembled, and is there treated, despite the fact that he has a settlement in Lowell and is entitled by law to decent care from the city. It is cheaper to send the poor unfortunate there than to furnish a tubercular ward at the city institution. Feeble minded people are sent to Danvers with all kinds of insane because they can be kept there a little cheaper. Nothing that I have said has been denied. He has not removed Harry W. J. Howe, and until he does I shall believe Mr. Howe's statements. If you believe that a change should be made in the administration of the affairs place the stamp of condemnation upon this administration by electing the big, broad minded man at the head of our ticket, who will have the interests of all the people at heart.

equally great is your disappointment. The falls have not been filled with city hall officials, no prominent citizens have been forced to leave town and I venture to say that the people find the same kind of beer in the local saloons. Look at the charity board. One of the best superintendents in New England has been removed without even a hearing and a man with absolutely no experience chosen to fill his place. I want every friend of mine to go out and support and work for the entire ticket. Don't cut your ticket, vote for every democrat and when you elect them do not be the first to criticize them. Take pride in the fact that they are in office, sustain them in their acts and show that you are not selfish and insular.

James J. Dacey

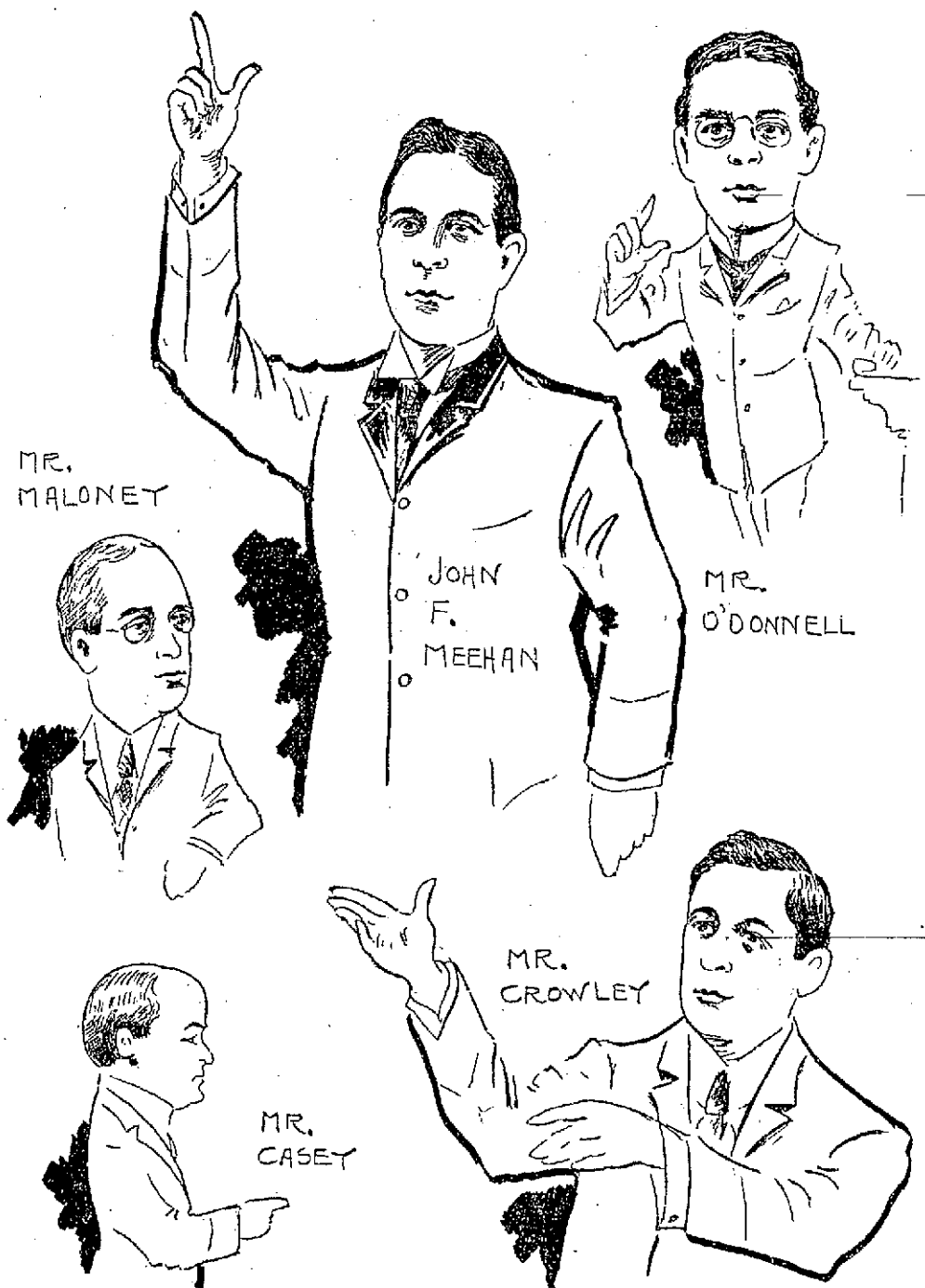
When the chairman introduced Mr. Dacey as the one man who could tell a whole lot about the mayor, the crowd cheered and Mr. Dacey was tendered a warm welcome. "I'll tell you all about the mayor in a few words," said Mr. Dacey. "He meant well at the start but he couldn't conquer the demon that was in him. He fell down. That's all

thing and mean another. Be true to your nominee and his associates on the ticket and vote straight for every democrat."

John F. Meehan

Mr. Meehan was the concluding speaker and as he arose in response to the presiding officer's graceful introduction the mighty audience arose as one man and cheered him repeatedly. The length of the demonstration gave Mr. Meehan an opportunity to recover his composure which was momentarily lost in the spontaneity and depth of the enthusiasm of the great gathering and when the applause had subsided he spoke in part as follows:

I am more than thankful to you for this grand ovation, your kindly greeting and expression of good will. This large gathering without a discordant note to mar the general harmony is an assurance that the citizens are determined to scrutinize closely the candidates who have presented themselves. I feel that I am no stranger in Lowell. While I am not personally acquainted with you all I have had the honor to represent you in the legislature. Per-



SOME OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE DEMOCRATIC RALLY LAST NIGHT.

John W. Daly III

Chairman Owens at this point read a letter from John W. Daly who is seriously ill with the grip at his home, in which he tenders his congratulations and offers the support of himself and his friends to the nominees.

Hon. James B. Casey

Ex-Mayor Casey was next introduced and he received an ovation. Mr. Casey in the course of his remarks said: There is certainly evidence of a united party here tonight. It means only one result, victory at the polls. I am pleased to assist in the unification of the party. The foundation of my success was laid by the democratic party and it would ill become me not to give my support to the party at all times. There's only one honorable and fair way to do now and that is to give John F. Meehan your unanimous support. From tonight the majority and the minority of the democratic party will unite for the success of the whole ticket. I purposely withdrew from the contest for the nomination in the interest of a united party and now let Mr. Brown beat it if he can. The same wave that swept him into office last year will sweep him out again, but this year it will be a sweep of reason and sanity instead of insanity and illusion. Elect your candidate and then give him a fair chance. The democratic office holder is nearer to the people than the republican and the demands on him are more exacting. Some are too quick and ready to find fault with their own candidate. But let us unite and show what a united party means. Forget the differences of the past and put an end to this present administration of sensationalism and conceit. All things were proclaimed to inflame the public mind and were not carried out. Great were your expectations last year and

there is to it, that's all there is to it. He got into office and then he fell. He went down and out. You have nominated a man who can control himself if elected, a man of intelligence, wisdom and ability. He will give you a proper administration of affairs. But in voting don't stop at the head of the ticket. Vote for Mr. Foys for purchasing agent, a thoroughly competent candidate, and vote for the nine democrats on the aldermanic ticket. Don't simply vote for the men you know well. Don't

happen in that way you may know something of me. I presented myself for mayor this year and I want to thank the democrats for the great distinction conferred upon me. I am the standard bearer of the party and with your assistance I will hear it on to victory.

The main question before you is which candidate are you to support. A year ago your mayor promised everything and he has accomplished practically nothing. He promised to investigate certain departments but did he do it? Look back over the past year. It is unnecessary to repeat what has been done. He has not measured up to the responsibilities of the office. Which candidate are you to support? Compare me with him in any way you desire. Compare my public record with his. The vote I received demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that my party was satisfied with my record. Judge between us intelligently and fairly and I will abide by the decision.

The mayor is appealing for votes on the ground that he reduced the tax rate 80 cents. He had absolutely nothing to do with it while as a member of fact, I had much to do with it. As a result of a change in the law relative to the corporation tax the city of Lowell received \$105,000, one-half of the entire corporation tax of

the state. Heretofore one-quarter of this tax went to the city or town in which the business of the corporation was done, while three-quarters went to the cities and towns in which the stockholders resided. Thus the wealthy towns of Brookline, Newton and Milton received three-quarters of the great corporation tax of industrial cities like Lowell, Lawrence, Fall River and New Bedford. Last year a bill was introduced providing that one-half instead of one-quarter of the tax go to the places in which the business of the company is carried on. I spoke and defended this bill with others with the result that it became law and the city of Lowell received the amount I have quoted. I was pleased to note that a Lowell member of the legislature proposes to introduce a bill next year providing that the entire corporation tax go to the city in which the company does business and I sincerely hope to see that bill become law. The mayor asked at the Bunting club why I didn't introduce a bill to get all the corporation tax at once. He evidently knows little of legislative work and the fact that all radical reforms must be brought about gradually.

Then another bill for which I worked hard, known as the inheritance bill, became law and as a result the city of Lowell received an inheritance tax of about \$17,000. Finally the state tax against Lowell this year was \$21,000 less than last year. These were the three causes of the abandonment in Lowell's tax rate and the mayor had absolutely nothing to do with bringing any one of them about. A malicious lie has been circulated about me to the effect that I have never worked. I desire to state that I have been auditor for a large Boston firm for several years and have taught evening school in this city.

A year ago I introduced a bill in the legislature providing for the separation of the police and licensing boards and had the endorsement of the best men of the city in both parties. Mayor Brown was present at the hearing before the committee on cities but he did not speak on it. After the hearing he said to me: "I am in favor of your bill if it goes into effect on its passage." He wanted me to take off the referendum. He didn't want the people to have an opportunity to vote on it. He simply wanted an opportunity to make the appointments himself for this city. The mayor said yesterday that I intended being a candidate for mayor when I introduced this bill but such was not the case and furthermore the bill would not have gone into effect until next year so that the new mayor, whoever he might be, would not have the opportunity to make the appointments and he would have to be re-elected before he could make them.

Your mayor signed the charter bill and appeared at the hearing in the legislature. Senator Stevens, now state treasurer, who presided at the hearing, asked your mayor some questions about the bill he had signed and he didn't even know what the "Recall" was. His exposure in that instance was most humiliating for any man who had any elgic pride.

Judge me not by what I promise but by what I have tried to do. I am backed by no interest and have none behind me but my friends. I am untrammelled and unpledged and appear before you without a promise to any interest except to the best interests of the whole city. I believe in getting a

greater diversity of industries in Lowell. I am heartily in favor of extending the park system for the benefit especially of the people who live in tenements in the congested districts. I most heartily favor the movement for public baths. The city of Lowell should have a place where any citizen may take a bath at little or no cost. Compare me in any manner you desire with my opponent. During my service in the legislature I have been brought in touch with public questions of great importance to cities and this experience I believe will aid me greatly in dealing with municipal problems that come up for solution by the mayor. I believe that I have sufficient ability to govern the city of Lowell properly. I promise you, if elected, to give the city a clean, honest and progressive administration so that when I have finished my term you will say that on all questions I have tried to do what was right.

After the rally Mr. Meehan shook hands with a large number of admirers and he left the hall amid loud cheering.

A NEW ACTION

Has Been Entered by Count Boni

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Count Boni de Castellane instituted a new court action today in connection with the education of his children. He asked the court to order his former wife, the present Princess de Sagan, to appoint a tutor for the youngest of the three sons, Jay, with the stipulation that the tutor shall make periodical reports of the boy's progress. The plaintiff also asks a determination of the rights of parents in the matter of escorting the two eldest sons to and from school and prays that the defendant be condemned to pay the costs of the present action.

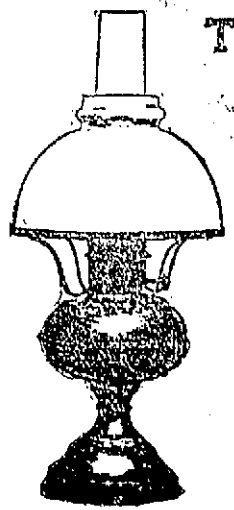
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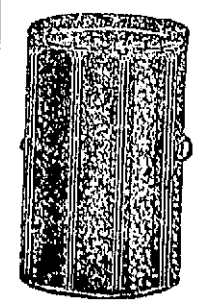
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forget Connors, or Sullivan or Rountree. Vote for the nine aldermen."

William E. Maloney

William E. Maloney was warmly received and spoke as follows: "The reasons why you should support John F. Meehan have been able to set forth by the preceding speakers and I heartily coincide in all they have said. During a campaign many stories in the interest of the different candidates get circulation but once the caucus decides the nominee all such stories should be considered as smoke and speedily forgotten. Think and think properly of the importance of this campaign to the democratic party and don't say one

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103 YEARS OLD BOWLING NEWS WARSHIPS HELD READY TO CATCH ZELAYA--

John Kipp Says He Uses Peppermint

Results of the Games Last Night

HIS TWO AGENTS NOW IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, N. J., Dec. 7.—As-
serting that peppermint is the best
substitute for tobacco and
drink, John Kipp, an inmate of the
Warren county almshouse here, is
celebrating his 103rd birthday today.
It is said that he eats as much candy
as all the other inmates of the alms-
house combined and occasionally takes
a smoke and chew.

With a memory as clear as though
he weren't half his years, Mr. Kipp
has been devoting much of his time
of late in planning to obtain a part
of Brooklyn, now thickly settled, which
he says is his by inheritance.

Despite his advanced age Mr. Kipp
is active and spry, the only infirmity
being a slight lameness as a result of
a fracture of his hip which he suffered
a few years ago.

Until five years ago Mr. Kipp lived
alone in a log house in Independence
Township. Four acres of land con-
nected with the property was tilled by
this centenarian, and in spite of his
years he went into the uppermost
branches of the fruit trees upon the
place, that he might not leave any fruit
to rot.

John Kipp was married twice and
had five children by his first wife, from
whom he has not heard for seven
years. He thinks they are living in
Middletown, N. Y., where his son,
James H. Kipp, wrote him from 221
Worth street, on March 5, 1902. His
stepson, John Henry, is also an inmate
of the almshouse.

SHORT SEASON SCHEDULE

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—"Ban" Johnson,
president of the American baseball
league, said last night that the Amer-
ican league owners would be a unit at
the New York meeting next week for
a short season schedule and shorter
games. He said:

"We shall try to do away with the
custom of letting the pitcher throw
four practice balls to the catcher, un-
less the pitcher has just been at bat.
I am in favor of making the schedule
of games as short as possible. Last
year seven of the American league
owners were in favor of 140 games
while the eighth wanted 161 games.
The American league was really set for
140 games, but for harmony's sake
and to save muddling up the schedule
we compromised on 151 games. In
the coming year we want a shorter
schedule."

PETITION DENIED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 7.—Governor
Charles S. Deneen last night denied
the petition of Frank E. Davis for re-
instatement as sheriff of Alexander
county. It was Sheriff Davis from
whom the Cairo, Illinois, mob took Wil-
liam Jones, colored, and Henry Sal-
zner, white, and lynched them on the
night of November 11 last. The gov-
ernor holds that Sheriff Davis did not
do all in his power to protect the
prisoners and made no forcible resist-
ance. On this ground the petition for
reinstatement is denied.

CAPTAIN CROSBY

Of the Cornell Basket-

ball Team

ITHACA, Dec. 7.—With the passing
of football interest now centers around
basketball in the big universities. In
fact, it looks as if the strenuous in-
door pastime will be more popular
than ever. Many colleges that abolished



CROSBY

the game last winter have again taken
it up. For the past two weeks all
the five at the big universities have
been at work preparing for the hard
games to come later. In the east Cor-
nell is expected to make things warm
for its rivals. Crosby, the Ithaca
leader, had a few green men last year
that he whipped into good shape, and
it is likely that he will have a strong
team this season. He is a first class
man himself at any position, and it is
up to him to develop the players.

Two picked teams of the Manufac-
turers league of this city went to
Boston last night, played the pick of
the Commission House league at their
own game and trimmed them. While
the Lowell bowlers are very little ac-
quainted with what are known as Bos-
ton candles, which differ in shape from
the candles used in this city, the Low-
ell aggregation did not have to exert
themselves very much in order to ob-
tain a victory.

The game between the first teams
of Lowell and Boston was a fast one,
the Lowell team winning by 35 pins.
Bob Fullerton of the Norwicks, who
captained the picked team, was re-
sponsible in no small measure for the
victory for he had singles of 118, 119
and 146, with a total of 382. Kirby
with 325 was also very much in the
running. Staples of the Boston team
was high man on his team.

The game between the second teams
was won by Lowell by a wide margin.
Webster of the Lowell team was the
only man to shoot over the 300 mark.
Two games were played in the Car-
pet league last night, the Brussels fin-
ishing room team defeating the Pres-
ton weave room in one game while in
the other The Axminster finishing room
won three points from the rug room.

There were three fast games played
in the Catholic league last night. The
game between the Knights of Colum-
bus and Y. M. C. I. resulted in a vic-
tory for the Knights, who won all three
points, thereby displacing the Y. M. C.
I. from the first position in the league.
J. F. Donohoe of the winning team was
high man.

The Apines dropped the first string
to the C. Y. M. I., but put up a garrison
finish and landed the second and third
strings.

The game between the C. M. A. C.
and Knights of Equity resulted in a
victory for the former team. The
scores:

INTER-CITY CONTEST

Team One, Lowell

Libby	87	2	3	7	240
Bowen	91	105	96	202	
Abbott	103	95	84	282	
Kirby	89	123	107	325	
Fullerton	118	119	115	352	
Totals	488	520	504	1521	

Team Two, Boston

Maynard	81	100	100	280	
Young	100	100	89	289	
Staples	100	124	114	338	
Bull	100	123	91	314	
Stone	95	50	86	231	
Totals	498	523	470	1486	

Team Two, Lowell

Walmsley	100	89	91	280	
Webster	119	95	99	313	
Stearns	86	99	111	295	
Griffin	102	102	102	306	
Carroll	96	78	78	252	
Totals	512	463	483	1444	

Team Two, Boston

Small	93	90	76	259	
Glavin	85	84	82	251	
Pittman	82	82	88	252	
Dennington	94	100	91	278	
Bogard	84	82	85	251	
Totals	439	438	422	1309	

CARPET MILL LEAGUE

Brussels Finishing Room

J. Sullivan	1	2	3	7	241
B. Muller	82	86	96	264	
P. Brennan	85	80	81	246	
M. Sullivan	111	78	79	268	
J. McKinley	85	105	89	279	
Totals	446	424	428	1298	

Preston Weave Room

W. Howarth	89	82	91	262	
R. Kane	81	88	80	249	
J. Conway	91	102	87	280	
Jasper	77	72	110	259	
J. Townsend	71	87	97	255	
Totals	415	418	400	1233	

Axminster Finishing Room

Dowd	72	72	82	224	
Donnelly	85	79	88	252	
Boyle	93	87	103	283	
Mullin	85	81	89	255	
Reagan	88	81	99	268	
Totals	423	400	452	1275	

Rug Room

Watson	76	77	86	239	
Kinnon	82	78	85	245	
Howard	87	78	78	243	
McCormick	87	77	68	232	
Blann	87	87	76	250	
Totals	420	396	371	1187	

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

Alphes

H. Farrell	87	110	88	285	
Devlin	79	100	82	261	
Wyne	110	86	85	281	
McCormack	87	90	100	277	
Sub	77	83	71	231	
Totals	440	473	445	1358	

C. Y. M. I.

Fred Martin	77	83	74	234	
Monahan	85	89	87	261	
Grant	86	80	94	260	
Royal	89	82	87	258	
B. Martin	114	91	83	288	
Totals	461	430	435	1326	

C. M. A. C.

Letour	1	2	3	7	241
Leveque	103	99	110	312	
Michael	80	84	87	251	
Demers	100	86	96	282	
Boucher	78	77	106	261	
Totals	437	428	476	1341	

K. of E.

Boyle	84	91	81	256	
Carney	91	86	87	264	
Evans	78	86	86	250	
Ryan	91	70	78	239	
T. Jennings	84	93	86	263	
Totals	428	426	418	1272	

K. of C.

Savage	88	107	107	302	
Lang	87	87	100	274	
D. J. Donohoe	89	100	99	288	
Donohoe	103	100	98	299	
J. F. Donohoe	100	113	95	312	
Totals	470	516	492	1478	

Y. M. C. I.

King	90	80	87	257	
McLaughlin	83	89	96	268	
Martin	104	91	88	283	
Boyle	84	82	83	249	
T. F. Kelley	81	89	118	288	
Totals	442	461	482	1385	

APPEL GOT DECISION

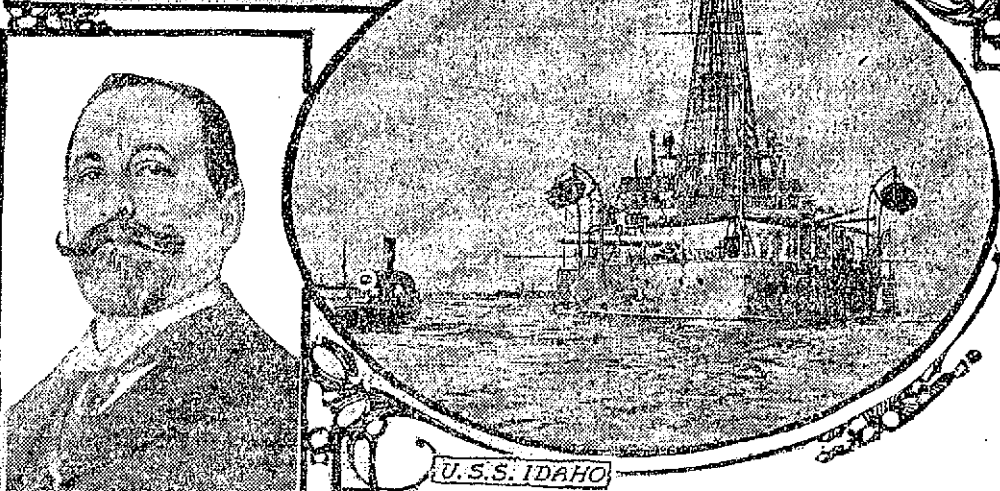
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Abe At-
tel, champion featherweight fighter of
the world, was forced to exert him-
self to the utmost to gain a decision
over Charlie White of Chicago in an
8-round contest before the Phoenix
Athletic club here last night. The
decision was unpopular.

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SECOND FLOOR



WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Rush orders

have been issued here for the powerful
battleships Michigan and Idaho, which
are now at Philadelphia, to be pre-

pared to sail at a moment's notice with
full complements of men and extra
stores. The objective point of these
two sea fighters is given as Hampton
Roads, where the remainder of the
Atlantic fleet is stationed, but the fact
that the vessels are taking on extra
quartermaster stores leads to the be-
lief that they are to go to Central
America. In semi-official circles it is
believed that President Zelaya of
Nicaragua is ready to flee to Belgium.
His wife is already at Antwerp. Dr.
Salvador Castillo, representative of the

provisional government of Nicaragua,
declares without equivocation that Ze-
laya is attempting negotiations with
Japan for a canal concession in his do-
main. Castillo says that Don Luis F.
Corea, former minister of Zelaya to the
United States, has in his possession
credentials to the emperor of Japan.
Pedro Gonzales, who is also in Wash-
ington, is credited with being the spe-
cial representative of Zelaya. His
movements, while very quiet, have at-
tracted attention, but it is declared
that he has sought an audience either
with President Taft or Secretary Knox.

CYCLE NEWS

The Bicycling World and Motorcycle

Review in its Saturday issue has a
short sketch of the riders of the dif-
ferent teams competing in the six day
races which is being held at Madison
Square garden this week. Among the
sketches is the following, which is of
interest to Lowell and especially to the
friends of Pat Keegan, who is teamed
up with Frank Galvin:

"Baldan will be built in comparison
with the noise that will be stirred up
in Madison Square garden whenever J.
Frank Galvin of New Bedford, Conn.,
or Patrick Keegan of Lowell, Mass.,
start a sprint. Each of these riders
first saw the light of day in the Em-
erald Isle and it is quite natural that
the Hibernians in New York city will look
to the course to "redeem it up" for
these wearers of Ireland's colors. Al-
though he has never won any of the
numerous six day races in which he
has competed, Frank Galvin usually
has been found in at the finish.

He has been riding since 1895,
and as he has been following the ma-
jors this year should be in better con-
dition now than ever before. Keegan
is one of the quietest characters that
ever eluded the ten laps garden snail
track, and his fund of ready Irish wit
which never seems to desert him de-
spite of his usual run of hard luck, has
endured him to many. Keegan has
not competed in a race for several
years, but he feels confident that he
will acquit himself creditably this
year.

CURLEY WANTS INJUNCTION

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Alderman Curley,
at the meeting of the aldermen yester-
day, notified the republican mem-
bers who voted to grant to the Teic-
post company the right to lay conduits
through Elm, Union and other streets
to connect the company's Hanover
street office with its State street office,
that he will apply to the courts this
morning for an injunction to restrain
that company from working under its
pardon.

This announcement was made at the
close of a long and warm debate over
the granting of the franchise. The or-
der was put through on a voice vote.
On a motion to reconsider the roll was
called. The six republicans voted
against reconsideration and the six
democrats for.

"The good government people," said
Alderman Curley, "point to men of my
type, to men of the type of a Whelan
and a Gliblin, and call us rascals, and
yet today they find us standing in the
breath fighting to safeguard the city's
interests. To speak with the greatest
charity I will say that the circum-
stances attending the granting of this
franchise are at least suspicious. I
have not been approached or asked to
vote either way on this proposition.

"I have watched this matter from the
time the petition of the company made
its appearance in the board, something
like a couple of weeks ago, watched it
move along from stage to stage until
finally jammed through today.

Alderman Anderson, in reply, said
the reason he voted to grant the fran-
chise was because by so doing he
paved the way for open competition
with the telephone and telegraph com-
panies. Aldermen O'Hare and Thilly
spoke against the franchise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leclaire are re-
joicing over the arrival of a baby boy,
and they have christened him Willis
Gerard. The sponsors were Mr. and
Mrs. Willis Pelletier.

NEW MINISTER

Is a Prominent Chicago

Lawyer

WASHINGTON, December 7.—Wil-
liam J. Calhoun, the probable new
minister to China, is a prominent Chi-
cago lawyer and has rendered excel-
lent diplomatic service to the country
on two former occasions. He was
scholarship of William McKinley, and

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

The regular meeting of Empire col-
ony, U. O. P. F., was held last night.
The attendance was large and consid-
erable business was transacted during
the evening. One candidate was initi-
ated and one application for member-
ship received. Lady Annie Hardy was
elected secretary, while Lady Cote was
elected deputy sergeant at arms. These
officers will be installed at the next
meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 20,
by Deputy Supreme Governor Lady
Marlin of Lawrence.

Stationary Engineers

The International Union of Steam
Engineers, a local of which was formed
in this city a short time ago, met for
the first regular session last night.
Routine business was transacted. Dur-
ing the meeting it was suggested that
the members contribute to the Y. M.
C. A. fund, and this idea was received
with great enthusiasm by the members
who immediately subscribed to the sum
of \$20, which was voted by the organ-
ization to the cause. A report was
read from the educational committee.

Rebekah Lodge

The Highland Union lodge of Re-
bekahs, 31, held its regular meeting
last night with a large attendance.
Grand officers and their snites were
present, and seven candidates were
initiated and nine applications re-
ceived.

G. A. R. Ladies

The members of the Betsy Ross cir-
cle, Ladies of the G. A. R., gave a sur-
prise last evening to Mrs. Emma J.
Richmond, at her home, and a pleas-
ant evening was spent. Music, games
and refreshments were enjoyed.

MARSHAL FIELD ESTATE

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The net receipts
from the estate of the late Marshall
Field from March 1, 1907, to June 30,
1909, were \$34,922,349, according to a
report filed in the probate court yester-
day by the executors.

when the latter was looking for a man
to investigate the Ruiz affair in Cuba
just prior to the war with Spain he
sent for Mr. Calhoun, who was his
close adviser pending the opening of
hostilities. Later Theodore Roosevelt
sent Mr. Calhoun to Venezuela on an
important mission. In both instances
he proved himself an able diplomat.
Cables from China announce that
the selection of Mr. Calhoun will be very
acceptable.

DELMONT WON

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Al Delmont of
Boston defeated Biz Mackay of Cleve-
land, Ohio, in the last round of a 12
round bout at the National Athletic
club last night. For 11 rounds the
fight was hard and close, but in the
12th Delmont sent Mackay to the floor
and secured a margin which gave him
the decision.

In the semi-final Dumay West of
Pawtucket, R. I., broke his wrist in
the fifth round of a bout with Young
Shelvin of Boston and lost the bout.

Miss Theresa Slattery and Miss Anna
Donohoe have accepted positions as
clerks at Frank Ricard's jewelry store
where they will be pleased to meet
their friends.

FEROCIOUS BATTLE

Leopardess Attacked Three Men
in Norumbega Park

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—A leopardess be-
longing to the manager of Norum-
bega park, a pleasure resort at Au-
burndale, objected yesterday to being
led from one cage to another and at-
tacked three of the park employees.
Dashing into the open door of the
cage inside of which were the three

men, the leopardess gave them a fe-
roocious battle which was ended only
when the animal was shot dead by the
manager of the park.

The men attacked were not serious-
ly injured although their clothing was
torn into ribbons and they were seri-
ously scratched.

BOXERS IN TOWN INJURIES FATAL

Thomas and Crawford Medical Student's Skull
in Fine Condition Fractured

Tonight's meeting of the Gladstone
club, in Associate hall, will undoubtedly
draw a crowded house, for many
applications for membership have been
received since tonight's bill was an-
nounced. Joe Thomas, the Californian
champion, arrived in Lowell today and
is in excellent condition. He is con-
fident of his ability to put away his
antagonist. Thomas will have in his
corner the three Gardner brothers and
it will be the first appearance of
George Gardner in the ring in Lowell
in several years.

Tommy Crawford arrived in town
last evening and before retiring for
the night he made many friends
among the sporting element. He is

CAMPAIGN FUNDS

SPENT BY COMMITTEE FOR MR. PELLETIER

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Daniel F. Buck-
ley, treasurer of the committee which
had charge of the campaign of Joseph
C. Pelletier for election as district at-
torney, has filed with the secretary of
state a return showing that the com-
mittee received \$4020 and expended
\$3,961.85 in bringing about the election
of the present district attorney. In ad-
dition to this expenditure, the commit-

LATEST NO EVIDENCE YET To Place Responsibility for Death of Woman

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Although new facts in connection with the insurance features of the case are constantly coming to light the probers into the death mystery of Mrs. O'cey W. Sneed, the East Orange bath tub victim, were still at a loss today for evidence placing direct responsibility for her strange death. Late this week the postponed hearing of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, aunt of the victim, and

charged with the crime, takes place in East Orange. Franklin W. Fort, counsel for Miss Wardlaw, said today that he knew the whereabouts of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of the dead woman. He would not reveal them, however. From other sources came the report that she is in Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Martin's failure to appear since the tragedy is one of the features of the case that has proved extremely puzzling to the authorities.

SMALL DOCKET ASTOR'S NEPHEW

Appeared in Police Court Today

This morning's session of the police court was a very brief one, there being few prisoners in the dock. No doubt Judge Hadley, who presided, was pleased, not only because it gave the city a better name to have a small number of arrests, but also because of the fact that he was suffering from a severe hoarseness and it was only with difficulty that he was able to speak.

The case of Isaac Dalgault, charged with assault and battery, did not come to trial inasmuch as Lawyers John J. McClure and Bennett Silverblatt, who were retained by the interested parties, informed the court that a civil settlement had been made.

Frank J. O'Brien, who was on parole from the state farm, was arrested yesterday and this afternoon he will be returned to Bridgewater. James H. Manning was given a chance to reform a few months ago, but he did not live up to the rules of probation and this morning in court pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with drunkenness. The suspension of his former sentence was revoked and he was committed to three months in jail.

Alexander Claremont and Uldrie Bourne, charged with being drunk, were each fined \$5, while three first offenders were fined \$2 each.

FOOTBALL RULES

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 7.—That there should be a revision of the football rules with the view of distinctly minimizing the chances of serious accident in the game is the statement made here in an interview by Walter Camp, Yale's graduate advisory coach. Said Mr. Camp:

"I am positive that there should be alterations in the rules looking toward a distinct minimizing of the chances of serious accident. I do not know that I am sufficiently prepared to say just what those changes will be, but I am collecting such facts as I can that would lead to the knowledge of how to effect the best results."

KING LEOPOLD III.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7.—It is reported that the paralysis in the right arm of King Leopold is extending and that he can write only with difficulty. He spends much of his time in an easy chair.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Brownsville court of inquiry, appointed some months ago to determine what members, if any, of the colored battalion of the 25th U. S. Infantry, which was discharged in a body, without honor, by President Roosevelt, for "shooting up" Brownsville, Tex., on the night of Aug. 13-14, 1906, should be allowed to re-enter the army, has returned from a visit to Brownsville. Next Thursday the court will reconvene and all of the testimony taken at Brownsville during this visit of the court will be read.

Subpoenas already have been issued, returnable next Friday. The taking of testimony of the post guard on duty on the night of the shooting will be begun that day. It is expected that probably 10 members of the guard will appear before the court from time to time, covering a period of several weeks. It is understood that while at Brownsville the court obtained very important testimony bearing upon the case, which will not be made public until the testimony is read next Thursday.

ATTACKS TIP GIVING

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"Not a man shall remain in this service who accepts a tip from a passenger," said Collector Loeb yesterday, and in the next sentence he dismissed Charles Nimmo, a customs inspector, who has been in the service since 1895. "I am determined to break up that practice and I want the public to know that a cent need not be paid to any employee of this port for any service the government pays its agents to perform," added the collector.

The customs authorities learned that Nimmo lent a passenger sufficient money to pay duty on excess baggage, and afterward went to the passenger's home to collect the loan.

FOR FANCY WORK

Sachet powder (a dozen kinds) which hold the odor for a year or more in large or small quantities. If you don't feel that our perfumes at 25c an ounce equal to 50c goods elsewhere, you may have your money back. We make them, saving you middlemen's profits. Howard, the druggist, 187 Central street. (Keep your eye on our ads for big cuts in prices of drug store articles.) In the meantime rest assured that we are rock bottom on everything.

ONE MAN SHOT At the Six Days' Race in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Two thousand spectators at the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden were startled today by the report of a pistol shot from behind the tier of boxes. There was a semi-panic and a rush to the scene and when quiet was restored it was found that two men had started a fight and that in the melee which ensued a man in the crowd had been shot.

The wounded man, whose injuries are not serious, is Christopher Brown, otherwise known to Tug Wilson, a pugilist. He says he interfered in a fight between the men and does not know who shot him.

Bert Keyes, a prizefighter, formerly of Philadelphia, was taken into custody by the police. He denies having fired the shot but the police held him pending an investigation.

"BLACK HAND" MEN LEAVING

GENEVA, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the "Black Hand" who mean to find a new field of operation in America. It developed also that no fewer than sixty of these characters of whom forty have before been expelled from Switzerland, are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States.

These men formerly were a part of the gang of 2000 Italians employed in the construction of the Loetschberg tunnel through the Berner Alps. This scene of industry became a hot bed of black-handers, forty of whom are now in custody there, awaiting trial on charges of blackmail, assault and murder.

SHELDON IS ILL

But Investigation of Insurance Co. Will Continue

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The fact that George P. Sheldon is so ill at his home in Connecticut that he is expected to die, will not cause an abandonment of the criminal investigation and prosecution in the matter of the Phoenix Insurance Co. of Brookline from the presidency of which Sheldon was removed at the instigation of the state insurance department.

The department has placed the case in the hands of the district attorney and a number of men who have held office in the state insurance department will be called as important witnesses.

State Supt. of Ins. Hotchkiss declared in his report that the Phoenix Ins. Co. through its president, had been in the habit of lending considerable sums to state insurance officials and that for 22 years the insurance company had not been investigated by the department. Four state insurance officials are mentioned whose loans from the Phoenix company aggregate \$260,000. The insurance department believes that the

company's risks to the public are not involved and that the entire loss through loans negotiated by Sheldon can be balanced by crossing off \$1,000,000 of the company's \$3,000,000 surplus.

ILLNESS IS SERIOUS

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 7.—Communication with G. P. Sheldon, formerly president of the Phoenix Insurance Co. of New York, concerning the affairs of that company is impossible owing to his critical illness. Mr. Sheldon with his wife and daughters occupies rooms in the Naples hotel here where the family had resided for a year and where Mr. Sheldon is now under the care of two physicians and three nurses.

Mr. Sheldon was taken ill from ptomaine poisoning six weeks ago after eating scallops at the Apawamis club in Rye. This soon developed into an inflammation of the muscular tissues of the heart and was complicated by an affection of the kidneys. Today Mr. Sheldon was said to be hovering between life and death.

Mr. Sheldon has resided in Greenwich for several years. He was one of the founders of the Greenwich Country club which is composed mainly of New York business men living in Greenwich.

DISCOVERED NEW COMET

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 7.—Zacharias Daniel, a graduate student in astronomy at Princeton university, announced today that he discovered a new comet last night while at work in the Princeton observatory. The position of the comet, he says, is in right ascension, six hours, sixteen minutes, and the declination is north about 34 degrees. It is in the constellation of Auriga. Mr. Daniel discovered a comet in June, 1907, and another in June, 1909.

HENRY PIERCE ACQUITTED

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 7.—The jury in the case of Henry Clay Pierce, charged with false swearing, returned a verdict here today of not guilty.

ALARMING REPORTS

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—Alarming reports concerning the condition of the empress originate daily in irresponsible sources. There is no truth whatever in these exaggerated stories. It is well known that the empress has suffered for two years from the effects of a nervous breakdown and influenza. The veins of the lower limbs, however, there has been no marked change in her condition, which is in no sense critical.

Telegrams received daily from Livadia show that the empress is attending the usual dinners and ceremonies of the season. The royal family is expected here about Dec. 12.

MAY BE LYNCHED

WILKIAMSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 7.—When Earl Thompson, a negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Masole Roberts, of Dry Ridge, three weeks ago, was brought here today, a mob surrounded the train but Sheriff Michael Caston and two deputies with drawn revolvers rushed the prisoner into the depot out the back door and up the street to the jail. The mob followed, howling and yelling, "lynch him." A crowd of men are now surrounding the jail and the mob leaders declare the negro will be lynched if the grand jury fails to indict him.

THE MAYOR SMILED

BROCKTON, Dec. 7.—L. M. Reynolds, a former shoe manufacturer whose land was seized by the city after he had fenced in a portion of the sidewalk at Pleasant street and Warren avenue, has taken an odd way of showing his disapproval. Nailed on the fence is this sign:

"New law at city hall. After paying taxes 20 years, deeds and bonds do not count and can be taken away at the pleasure of the mayor?"

He declined to comment on the matter.

Mayor Kent merely smiled.

WRONG MAN ARRESTED

WAKEFIELD, R. I., Dec. 7.—One of the greatest burglary sensations South Kingston ever had came to a surprising climax in the district court here yesterday.

Abdell Mowald, a widely known Greek fisherman, was charged by George Frank with breaking into the dwelling of the latter in the night time and robbing the place of \$100 in cash and jewelry. The spectators were expecting an interesting trial when it was announced that the wrong man had been accused and arrested, and the charge was dismissed on the payment of \$5.15 in costs by Frank.

CITY HALL NEWS

Board of Health Wants
More Money

"Broke, broke, absolutely broke," is the song that they are singing at the office of the board of health today. The board needs \$1850.75 in order to piece out the appropriation for the year, and it is up to the committee on appropriations and the city council to do something or else work in the department will have to be stopped.

The department needs money for office salaries, labor and sundries and at the present time it looks as though there will be no pay day in that department this week.

The state aid is also looking for money, the chief of that department feeling that \$2500 will carry him through.

The committee on appropriations will meet tonight and take action on the communications for money sent by the health and state aid departments.

Aldermen to Meet

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen will be held tonight and the principal business to come before that body will be action on the business sent up by the committee on appropriations.

The committee on accounts met this afternoon in the office of the auditor for the purpose of auditing bills.

The committee on lands and buildings will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PAINTER FELL

MR. HOLMES OF PARKER STREET
FELL FROM LADDER

Lucien G. Holmes, residing at 215 Parker street, while painting a house in C street this morning, fell from a ladder and injured his back and broke his wrist. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell General hospital where he received treatment.

DEATHS

LANDRY—Henri Landry, for several years janitor at Huntington hall, and well known in this city, died Saturday at his home in Three Rivers, Que. He leaves a wife and a daughter, Blanche; three brothers, Alfred and John Landry of Salem, Dr. Victor F. Landry of Beaucourt, Que., and seven sisters, Mrs. Joseph Lamoureux, Mrs. Oiler J. David and Miss Marie Landry of this city, Mrs. Gertrude Uron and Mrs. Joseph Dubuc of St. Charles, Que., Mrs. Leon Lamotte of Montreal, and Rev. Sister Marie-Jerome of the order of Jesus and Mary, of Tampa, Florida.

FUNERALS

McKAY—The funeral of Blanche McKay, infant daughter of Harry and Mary McKay, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, 161 Appleton street. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under direction of C. H. Molloy and Sons.

KITCHEN—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Kitchen took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adelle Bottomley, 62 West street, No. 10, Ullricha. The services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Williams, pastor of the North Ullricha Baptist church. Appropriate selections were sung by Thomas Waterhouse, and the hearse was borne by Frederick Worthen, Frederick Russell, Russell Kitchen, and Walter Kitchen. Burial was in the family lot in the Corner cemetery under direction of George W. Healey. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Allan Bottomley.

MOTLEY—The funeral of Col. Thomas Lawrence Motley, whose death from pneumonia, occurred at his home in Groton on Saturday, was held from the Unitarian church Monday afternoon, the church service being public and the funeral service private.

Col. Motley was a native of Boston, but had been a resident of Groton for many years. He was prominent in the work of the church and historical society, holding the office of secretary in the latter. His age was 74 years. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Almina Park, and a grandchild.

Col. Motley was commander of the Second Massachusetts Infantry in the Civil war.

Representatives from E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., the Loyal Legion and Masons attended the service. Singing by the Weber quartet of Boston and the "Gospel Chorus" by the Holy Trinity church, Shawmut avenue, Boston, and the burial took place in Dorchester cemetery, Dorchester. Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons in charge.

O'DONNELL—The funeral of the late Eliza O'Donnell took place this morning at 7 o'clock from her home, 215 Stevens street. At 9.30 o'clock a mass of requiem was sung at the Holy Trinity church, Shawmut avenue, Boston, and the burial took place in Dorchester cemetery, Dorchester. Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons in charge.

FUNERAL NOTICE

ROGERS—The funeral of Owen Rogers will take place Thursday morning at 8.45 o'clock from his late home, 27 Charles street. Funeral mass of requiem will be sung at St. Peter's church at 9.30 o'clock. Undertakers M. H. McDonough & Sons in charge.

DELANEY—The body of John H. Delaney, who was killed at 155 South street, was forwarded to Putnam, N. Y., by Undertaker J. J. O'Donnell this morning, for burial. The body was forwarded on the 7.35 train. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery in Putnam.

NEEDLESS ALARM GIVEN

An alarm from box 67 at 7.40 o'clock last night gave a portion of the department a needless run to the corner of Widdrich street and Lilley avenue. There was no fire, the alarm being a false one, which was probably rung in by some small boy.

HIS FOOT INJURED

Henry Herman, of 15 Bradford street, had the big toe of his right foot crushed while at work at the Tremont & Suffolk mills this morning. He was taken to the Lowell hospital.

An anniversary high mass for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Galt will be celebrated at St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock Saturday, Dec. 11th.

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RUINOUS EFFECT OF POLITICAL TURMOIL.

The increase or decrease in the value of the real estate of any city from year to year must be taken as a fair criterion of its progress and prosperity or the reverse.

If we judge the city of Lowell by this criterion we shall see that the present has been one of the worst we have had for many years in regard to the increase in the value of real estate. This increase indicates the amount of new property added to the assessment list and in a general way represents the activity of building operations throughout the city. In this light it may be well to show the increase in the valuation of the city property for the past few years:

Increase in 1909 over 1908.....	\$ 704,410
" 1908 over 1907.....	905,400
" 1907 over 1906.....	760,508
" 1906 over 1905.....	1,713,185

It, therefore, appears that the increase in 1909 over 1908 has been less than for several years previous. This is what might be expected from a year spent in political turmoil in which the interests of the city were neglected and enterprise actually seared into inactivity. There has been no attempt worth mention to bring new industries here, and most of the city departments have been in a state of demoralization most of the time. This was the case with the police department, the street department, the pauper department and even the building department. There was no proper direction of business, and whatever was done lessened the efficiency of every department touched by the executive of the city.

The figures above quoted indicate the business stagnation that resulted as a natural consequence of the brawling, the litigation, the threats, the bulldozing and the bluff that characterized the administration throughout the year.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message of President Taft read to the congress today is characterized by a tameness and rapidity contrasting strikingly with the messages of ex-President Roosevelt.

We do not, however, undertake to condemn President Taft's message on that score. Yet we surmise that unless through mere curiosity the senators and representatives kept awake during the reading of the document, there was much to induce sleep in the absence of anything characterized by spirit or intensity.

Perhaps the most important feature of the document is that in which President Taft undertakes to deal with the question of injunctions. He quotes a passage from the platform of what he calls "the successful party in the last election," the passage referring to the needlessness of issuing injunctions without notice except where irreparable injury might result from delay. To carry out this party pledge President Taft proposes the enactment of a law providing that no injunction be issued without previous notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined; unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the delay would result in irreparable injury to the complainant. Where, therefore, an injunction issues without notice it is provided that it shall be of no effect after seven days from the issuance thereof or within less time if the court so provides. That modification of the injunction evils complained of may gratify some people while it will do no harm to anybody. It is simply a proposition to pass a law providing for the very thing which the courts have been in the habit of doing for many years past. The cases are very few where injunctions have been issued without notice, and where they were so issued it was on the ground that irreparable delay would result.

There are other provisions in the message made to carry out recommendations of the republican platform such, for example, as that in favor of postal savings banks, another for a ship subsidy bill, one for a bureau of public health and several others.

The president touches in a perfunctory way upon the application of the Monroe Doctrine in the South American states, and he undertakes to say that neither this doctrine nor any other American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

On the matter of revenues the president points out that the deficit for the current fiscal year will reach the sum of \$73,075,620, and this the president points out will be met by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama canal.

In this connection the president points out that the expense of the canal originally estimated at \$139,705,200 will eventually amount to \$375,201,000. He explains why the figures crept up by stating that the plan of construction was changed and the cost of labor and materials was under-estimated.

The message gives but very little attention to the operation of the new tariff law beyond the statement that the tariff commission has been appointed to assist the president in administering the maximum and minimum clause of the act. He states that the board will require three years to compile certain facts and information relative to the cost of production, wages and other matters in foreign countries. Relative to the high prices of commodities the president enumerates what he considers to be the causes, including among them mainly the production of gold, the increase in population and the more expensive mode of living among our people. There is no intimation in regard to the extent to which trusts and monopolies increase the prices of various commodities, nor does the message state that the high tariff has anything to do with increasing the cost of living.

SEEN AND HEARD

Dr. Blank, about 20 years a professor in a certain college, was on the eve of a trip to Europe, to be absent two years. In pathetic and rather harrowing tones he made his farewell address to his class:

"You are about to part with me. This is more than distressing to me. Would that there was a window in my breast, my dear boys, that you might see the innermost recesses of my heart."

A strapping in the rear, seized with a happy thought, shouted:

"Professor, would a pane in the stomach do?"

Deplored the passing of the old-time salt codfish, a writer in the Boston Transcript says: "Twenty years ago a high shouldered individual with a scalloped collar hung narrow end up in every grocery store. Today he reposes in sections of a neat wooden box. It was the province of a salt codfish of the prehistoric times ante-dating 1874 to be as indurated as possible, and the fish emeralds, before they had heard of salicylic acid and the pure food law, of benzene of soda and Dr. Wiley, had to depend on Turk's Island salt and the breezy air of New England to produce that strange of character which made the salt codfish an eager rival with kerosene in imparting to pilot crackers the true grocery store flavor. A Salem girl who married and went to Denver pinned away in that uncongenial climate until her father stuck some postage stamps on a salt codfish and sent it to her by mail."

TROUBLES OF MARY.

Mary had a little lamb—
This is no childish bluff;
She was a little Persian lamb—
She needed it for a muff.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mary had a little foot,
But wore a size too court;
And everywhere that Mary went
Her shoes were sure to hurt.
—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Mary had a little calf
A slim and shapely critter.
It batted Mary in the—er—mud
And Mary's wrath was bitter.
—Houston Post.

Mary had a trolly ride
In Houston's big main street;
She only had to pay three cents
Because she had no seat.
—Springfield Union.

Mary took a little nap
And woke with great alarm;
She thought a horrid ugly pup
Would do her pet some harm.
—Ford Penimore.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

At the Opera House last night a four act play Henry D. Carey, entitled "In the Heart of Alaska," was presented with elaborate scenic effects, and an able company. Unfortunately, the attendance was not as large as the merit of the play demanded.

The plot deals with a music hall singer, who married a young Scotchman and went to the heart of Alaska to live. After the novelty had worn off

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and the monotony of life in Alaska began to have its effect on the erstwhile singer, she hearkened to the pleadings of a former lover and eloped with him, leaving her husband, McLain, alone. Her overturned canoe was afterwards found in the Yukon. It was supposed she was drowned. Her husband made love to the daughter of the man who kept the general store and was about to take her to the nearest mission to be married when the first woman turns up. There are exciting climaxes but the action is betimes rough and uncouth as of course befits a country like Alaska.

Henry D. Carey assumes the role of Neil McLain and proves a skilful, versatile actor, always taking pains to fill in the minutest detail which to his mind seems necessary to make the narrative complete. Were he not the author he would not be so particular about the details and might thus make the really important features more striking.

The cast was as follows, every member of the support being deserving of praise, and all combining to give a very satisfactory performance:

Father Jean, from the Mission up the river.....Edwin Caldwell

"Fatish Jim," a fullblood Chilkat.....Frederick Seaton

Kate McLain, Neil's wife.....Lucy Miliken

Dave Kirke, a Seattle mining engineer.....Director Dion

Francois Leclerc, a half breed voyager.....Joseph Harris

Neil McLain, a son of the north.....Henry D. Carey

"Rainbow" Rawlins, an old sour dough.....Louis Thiel

Sam Mixer, owner of the general store.....Sam Mixer

and postmaster at Caribou Run.....Sam Mixer

Alaska, his daughter.....Russell Simpson

"Ole Kentuck," a placer miner.....Ford Penimore

"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS"

The most interesting and successful plays produced in recent years are those which have been made from popular novels. The best exemplification of this is "Brewster's Millions," a "best seller" as a book, a record smasher in stage form.

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difficult task, but carries out the wishes of his uncle who bequeathed the money with certain stipulations. With but a few weeks remaining of the year, this young man, who is named "Monty," Brewster, finds himself almost ready to give up the job, but a storm helps him out, and it is this storm that offers the opportunity to present a sensational stage picture and make the play one of the best of the season. Of



FREDERIC THOMPSON
Proprietor of "Brewster's Millions"

course, the big thing in the play and that which delights and thrills the spectator more than anything else in it, is the work solely of the producer, Frederic Thompson. This is the storm scene at the end of the third act.

The play will be presented here at the Opera House on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 8 and 9, with Thursday matinee, with Robert Ober in the stellar role of "Monty" Brewster. May Talbot as "Peggy" Gray and the remaining long list of characters in the most hands identified with the original New York production.

ELSIJE JANIS

Elsije Janis in "The Fair Co-Ed" does not do the imitations of well known actors and actresses which formed an enjoyable feature of her performance. During the new season of George A.C.'s play he has substituted characteristic imitations of several well known stars as they might play bits entirely out of their individual lines. For instance, she has a deliciously funny travesty on the famous scene in which the late Harry Campbell as he might appear playing Romeo. Miss Janis in "The Fair Co-Ed" will be seen at the Opera House Dec. 10th. Seats go on sale today.

REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM

That Kate Douglas Wiggin has a legion of admirers in this city is evidenced by the unusual attention attracted by the announcement that "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," a dramatization by Charlotte Thompson and Kate Douglas Wiggin of the latter's famous story of the same name, is to be presented at the Opera House Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

HATTIE WILLIAMS IN "DETECTIVE SPARKES"

Charles Frohman will present at the Opera House Dec. 16, Miss Hattie Williams and her famous detective comedy, "Detective Sparkes," in which she appeared at the Garrick theatre, New York, for three months. "Detective Sparkes" with Mr. Frohman's brilliant comedienne in the stellar role, could easily finish out the entire season in New York, but previous contracts for the production of other plays at the Garrick compel the interruption of Miss Williams' very successful engagement, and a short tour of the principal eastern cities, preliminary to her return to New York, will be made.

"THE YOUNG TURK"

Max Rogers, of the Rogers Brothers, and Maude Raymond, in Klaw & Erlanger's bright and merry production, "The Young Turk," comes to the Lowell

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HATHAWAY THEATRE

"My Awful Dad," a little piece of nonsense well baited, is the headliner at Hathaway's theatre this week. In this somewhat prosaic world with its charts, rules and regulations a wild fellow crops up now and then and mixes things up a bit; he adds a little dash, sets the corks a-popping and incidentally piles up a whole lot of trouble and expense for the "old man." In this gaily colored farce, "My Awful Dad," the situation is reversed. It is the "old man" who is raising merry lingo. It seems that he was cheated out of a good time when he was in the blue of youth because of the fact that he married a woman who sort of hitched him to her apron strings. It was a shame to do it, for the fellow was full of good red blood and he had a whole cage full of chickens that were crazy to get out into the open air.

When she died he cut loose and he certainly did go some. He had a son who inherited his mother's rather than his father's tendencies. He wouldn't buy a smile if they were selling for two cents a bunch, but the old man made up for the quiet of his son by being a busy paying dad's bills. He remonstrated in a sickly sort of way but dad had a big field before him and he didn't purpose to stop sowing his wild oats until he had the ground thoroughly covered. Frederic Bond and Miss Fremont Bond are the two who shine in the gay farce "My Awful Dad." Mr. Bond is an actor of the first water and he gives fine finish to the part. Miss Bond is quite fascinating and plenty good as an actress. She calls at the office of the young lawyer. The latter has gone to court and had to leave the office in a hurry. The judge who sits in the court on the occasion he has part of a red and yellow costume that he has donned for a masquerade ball. He plays the lawyer so well that the fair client who, by the way is a wealthy widow, Wedgitt by name, is simply delighted with him and little wonder. The way that dad throws the legal lingo is a caution and when it comes to a show down before an imaginary judge and jury he fairly caps the climax with an argument so eloquently on his eyes for the judge, but the fair client forgets her purse upon leaving the lawyer's office and returns later when she is confronted by Richard, the sour one—dad's baby boy. Explanations are in order. Richard brings dad to the front and don't think for a moment that the old man is equal to the occasion. He not only squares matters as to the previous interview but he finally pops the question and she says "yes." Assisting Mr. Bond and Miss Bond are A. Warren and A. Jewell Miskella.

Constance Carr is a happy, jolly, rollicking fun-making trio. Their bundle of fun contains song, dance and talk and there's a dash and a glimmer to everything they do. They imitate well known actors and actresses and make a long story short they're a cure for the blues. One of the women, plays a piano while the other woman, and plays two different tunes at the same time, one with his left hand and the other with his right. The woman describes a football game and becomes so enthusiastic that she chokes and pulls her companions' hair. They sing "The Small Town Girl" and that's what she hit. The Englishman would call them "deucedly clever."

Jack Horton and Mlle. La Triska called "The Clown and the Human Doll" are worthy of more than special mention. As a human doll we have never seen anything to equal this woman. For fully 15 minutes not a feature of her's relaxed, and when the clown took her through the audience, that her hands, arms and face might be examined, some embarrassing positions ensued, but it was impossible to observe any change from the mechanical to the human. The clown, too, particular delight in hugging old men and rubbing babies' heads. Their performance was given every afternoon and evening during the remainder of the week.

STAR THEATRE

Last Tuesday evening's pie eating contest and other big features in the amateur show were the cause of storms of laughter and tonight promises to be equally as funny. There is always a varied program Tuesday evenings and the amateur show is given in conjunction with the big regular show. New pictures will be shown tomorrow.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Yesterday's performances at the Academy of Music were simply a repetition of their former successes. The vaudeville, headed by three Patrons was exceptionally good. They have a good supply of comedy. Grace Furside again captured her audience in the illuminated electric swing, singing "Cuddle Up a Little Closer." The comedy moving pictures are very good, while the "Biograph" feature, "The Death Disc," is a dramatic feature of the Cromwellian period.

THEATRE VOYONS

The new program given at the Theatre Voyons yesterday was a genuine surprise in its merit and the real enjoyment it affords. There are two comedies both way up in the laughing class, and the principal feature picture, "Three Thanksgivings," is as pleasing a story picture as has been yet shown. "An Indian Wife's Devotion" is a clever Indian picture and the special scenic picture showing the wedding of the nephew of the Maharajah of Tagore is very interesting. The songs are pleasing and well sung.

SCENIC THEATRE

One of the most interesting amusement houses in the city is the Scenic. There is a grand show this week portraying life in the far west and it is going American history. Admission is 5 cents.

DECEMBER

Is the hardest month of the entire year on the pocketbook. There is coal and wood to buy, winter clothing to buy, Christmas dinner to buy, Christmas presents to buy. All this is extra, and it is no wonder so many people have hard work to find a clean slate on January 1st.

The many patrons who have learned the advantages of having an account with us, have no fear of December for they can provide for this extra strain on their incomes.

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SISTERS REUNITED A BILLERICA MAN

Were Separated in Infancy by Parents' Death

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 7.—Miss Della LaRue of Minneapolis is here at the home of her uncle, W. F. Gaudette, and her sister, Mrs. Noe Benjamin, after having been lost to them for 26 years. Her mother was Mr. Gaudette's sister, who, with her family, went west soon after Miss LaRue was born.

The mother soon died and the father married again. He died in a very short time, and his two children were left with his second wife. From her they were taken by an uncle and placed in an orphanage. Rev. Charles E. Crevier, pastor of Notre Dame church here, about 30 years ago went to St. Paul on a visit and was told about two little girls in the Minneapolis orphanage whose parents had come from his town. He sought them out, and on returning here told Mr. Gaudette. Mr. Gaudette set out at once to bring back the children of his sister. He found only one, Della having in the meantime been adopted and having disappeared.

That was 26 years ago. Mr. Gaudette and his sister have since searched for Della, advertising extensively in St. Paul and Minneapolis papers. In the meantime she was dividing her time traveling the country with her new-found parents and getting an education in St. Joseph's convent in St. Paul. She developed a desire to find her relatives and appealed to a priest, who happened to remember that one of his former parishioners in Minneapolis had relatives named LaRue. It turned out that this former parishioner was a cousin of Della's, whose father, also, had died in the west. Three LaRue brothers died out there from consumption in a few years.

The new found cousin remembered the name Gaudette and North Adams as his home, and it was decided to write to Notre Dame parish house here to see if any trace could be found of the Gaudette that was the uncle of the LaRues.

The letter was received by Rev. C. H. Jannotta of this city, who suspected Mr. Gaudette was the person wanted. Communication between the long separated sisters was then returned and now comes the reunion.

Has Sued the New York Central Road for \$10,000

In the Berkshire superior court yesterday several actions of tort for heavy damages were entered. John J. Nolan of Billerica has brought a suit against the New York Central railroad for \$10,000. He alleges he was injured March 25 last while riding on a passenger car by a large rock falling into the car.

Michael H. Burke of Pittsfield has brought a suit against the J. C. Vreeland building company of Pittsfield for \$15,000, alleging injuries received while employed by the defendant.

John A. Gilbert and Joseph H. D. Beaucage each sue Samuel J. Trembley for \$25,000. The plaintiffs were in a motor car which Trembley was towing and allege that through his negligence they were thrown out and injured. Gilbert and Beaucage also sue Dr. William J. Mercer, trustee, for \$25,000, alleging the same action as against Trembley.

NO WAGE REDUCTION

Fall River Mill Operatives Hear Good News

FALL RIVER, Dec. 7.—There will be no reduction in the wages paid operatives in Fall River cotton mills during the next six months. This was announced by the Cotton Manufacturers association last night, following a conference with the Textile union representatives, at which the manufacturers waived their rights to cut wages. Under the provisions of the striking scale agreement they were entitled to reduce wages 8 per cent., their margin

of profits during the past month having decreased in that proportion. They explained, however, that having stocked up well with cotton at low prices, they are able to give the operatives the benefit of the existing high prices. This is the third consecutive time the manufacturers have waived their rights. The operation of the new 56 hour law, which will make a curtailment of 20 minutes in each working day, was also discussed.

DEATHS OF INFANTS

Being Investigated by the Providence Officials

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 7.—Coroner Babcock, who is probing into the causes of the deaths of 24 infants at the Myrtle baby home in East Providence, heard much testimony yesterday in relation to the use of paregoric as a sedative.

Among the principal witnesses were Mrs. A. H. Tourtellotte, wife of Rev. Mr. Tourtellotte, the commander-in-chief of the house, and Miss Theodosia Doughty, who bears the title of colonel at the baby farm.

Mrs. Ethel L. Glibre, who took babies from the home on trial with views of adoption, testified that she had had pecuniary dealings with the Myrtle baby home. She said she had paid \$10 when she took the first child from the home. She paid the money to Miss Doughty, the secretary. She said she was to pay \$18 altogether, which was for nine weeks' board. She paid the \$10 and \$8 was due.

The child was so restless that she telephoned to the home and asked what she should do with it. They told her to give it some medicine, the name of which she did not remember, and five drops of water in the morning and five in the evening. She did not sleep at all and on the following Saturday she took the child back and gave it to Miss Doughty at the home.

Testifies on Paregoric. Miss Doughty asked her, she testified, why she had not given her paregoric. Mr. Tourtellotte himself advised over the telephone the use of paregoric, she said. Ada Murray was the witness she referred to when she said there was someone with her when Miss Doughty had told her she ought to have given the child paregoric. She had to pay the doctor and for the funeral expenses of the last child she took from the home.

Mrs. Glibre criticised the appearance of some things at the home and exhibited the clothes which the last baby she took had on when it was turned over to her by the management. The clothes were comfortable.

Col. Theodosia Doughty testified that Dr. Knoep was her nephew. She denied that she had received \$16 from Mrs. Glibre. She said the \$16 from Mrs. Glibre had offered and gave \$10 as a donation. The home did not ask for the money. She knew nothing about the \$8 said to be due the home by Mrs. Glibre.

"Did you ask her when she came to return the child and told you it was uneasy why she hadn't given paregoric?" asked Mr. Babcock.

"No sir," replied the witness. "Neither Mr. Glibre nor I said anything about paregoric."

"How much paregoric was purchased by the home from the time it was started until the time of the inquiry?" asked the coroner.

"I have never purchased any," replied the witness. "I don't think any was purchased."

"Do you know paregoric when you see it?" asked the coroner.

"Not unless it has a label on it," re-

plied the witness.

Mrs. Helen M. Harrington, night nurse at the home at one time, testified that when the babies were restless she took them out, but gave no medicine.

Mrs. Tourtellotte Questioned.

Mrs. A. H. Tourtellotte, wife of Rev. Mr. Tourtellotte, and matron of the home, testified that she gave the medicine to the children when necessary, as that was not the duty of the nurse. The children were naturally rather restless at times. She admitted that she thought it was desirable to keep the sick babies quiet, but never gave them anything but brandy and water for ordinary ailments. Two teaspoonfuls of brandy, half a tumbler full of water was the mixture. This was given as needed and when the doctor prescribed for it.

"Was there any paregoric or other sedative preparation given the babies?" asked Mr. Babcock.

"There was never any paregoric given to the children except once, when on advice of the doctor three drops were given to one child. We had a bottle of paregoric which had been in the house for two years. The child to which the paregoric was given was 5 years old. The paregoric had been bought in the first place for carache. No one but myself had access to the cupboard which was kept locked. There were no sedatives or other medicines in the chest except that left by Dr. Knoep."

Senator William M. P. Bowen of this city said last night that at the forthcoming session of the general assembly there will be legislation introduced to regulate the conduct of nurseries and so-called baby farms. The senator said that the request for laws on the subject have been made to him since the publication of the startling facts relating to the Myrtle home.

MAN STRANGLED

While He Was Using a Stomach Pump

BROCKTON, Dec. 7.—Richard Frederick Watson of Boston was strangled to death here yesterday morning while using a stomach pump in an effort to relieve an acute stomach trouble. Dr. A. E. Paine was notified and viewed the body.

Mr. Watson came here to visit his sister a number of days ago. Mr. Watson was a native of the West Indies and was of English nobility descent. He came to the United States when 21 and had lived in Boston or the immediate vicinity since his arrival in this country. He was, until a few years ago, sexton of Father Taylor's Methodist church, Boston. He was a third degree Mason, having received that degree in 311, Taber lodge, A. F. and A. M., Feb. 16, 1877.

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BOSTON KNIGHTS

To Visit Lowell Brethren Tonight

At the convocation of Lowell commandery, Knights of Malta, to be held at Odd Fellows temple this evening, a big time is expected. The Knights of Malta of Greater Boston will be there as great interest has been aroused in the working of the degree of the knights of the green. The degree will be conferred upon four candidates by the staff of Gethsemane commandery of Everett, of which Deputy Grand Commander Robinson is one of the principal officers. The Everett knights will attend in a body, coming by special electric, while a number of knights from Boston and other towns have signified their intention to attend. The grand commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the grand recorder and other grand officers are also expected to be present.

Added interest will be given to the festivities by the presence of Supreme Commander William M. Macomber, who was formerly deputy of the local commandery. This will be his first visit to Lowell since his elevation to the highest rank in the jurisdiction of the United States, and it is supposed to give him a rousing reception.

Following the degree work there will be a banquet with the usual post-prandial exercises, including addresses by the visiting dignitaries of the order. Rev. C. E. Fisher, Mayor Brown and others. A musical program has also been arranged, selections by the Welsh quartet being among the numbers. Owing to the fact that Congressman Butler Ames has returned to Washington to attend the session of congress, he will be unable to be present.

The committee in charge of the affair which has been hustling to make the necessary arrangements is made up of East Commander Jesse W. Chapman, chairman; George J. W. Bowers and Captain General Henry Wisbey. This committee has been ably assisted by Recorder William H. Saunders and Senior Warden Albert G. Cheney.

The Everett contingent is expected to arrive in Lowell at 8.30 or shortly after, and in order that the staff may proceed with the degree work upon its arrival, the regular business meeting of Lowell commandery will open at 7.30 tonight.

PRESIDENT TAFT

To Speak at Methodist Jubilee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft will leave Washington next Monday morning, Dec. 13, for New York, where in the evening he will make the principal address at the closing meeting of the diamond jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal church mission in Africa.

This jubilee celebration was opened a year ago in Washington with an address by President Roosevelt. Before speaking at Carnegie hall, President Taft will dine with Rev. John Wesley Hill at the latter's home.

After spending the night in New York at the home of his brother, Henry V. Taft, the president will go to New Haven, Dec. 14, to attend a meeting of the Yale corporation, of which he is a fellow.

There will be a banquet in New Haven Tuesday night, and leaving there at midnight the president will

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return to Washington during the forenoon of Dec. 15.

Mrs. Taft and her sister, Mrs. Laughlin, will accompany the president to New York.

BOOK-A-MONTH CLUB

The Book-a-Month club held its meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. William E. Keizer, 37 Mort avenue. Regular business was transacted, and the subject of the evening, "Astronomy," was taken up. An interesting paper on "The Two Dippers" was read by Miss Annie Mosher. The guests of the evening were Rev. George F. Kenngott, who talked on "Turkey" as

seen in his visits to that country, and he showed many views and pictures of places seen on his travels. Mrs. V. E. Darmon and Mrs. Jones gave a pleasing piano duet. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Wesley Miller, nursing, assisted by Miss Josephine Keizer.

REUBEN HOPKINS DEAD

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Reuben W. Hopkins, president of the Boston Ice Co., for the past 17 years and a director of the American Ice Co., died at his home, 21 Bay State road, yesterday, aged 63 years.

He is survived by a widow and one son and one daughter.

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Seems as though we've twice as many books as ever before and more attractive ones than ever. The covers and illustrations of modern fiction are executed by the highest priced artists of the day, making the volumes more "keepable" than formerly—and it's surprising how cheaply priced are some of the Gift Books. For instance three of Henty's for Boys are

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BANK CASHIER

Is Charged With the Embezzlement of \$118,000

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 7.—Robert D. Muir, the cashier of the People's bank and trust company of this city, was arrested last evening on the charge of having embezzled more than \$118,000 of the bank's money.

Muir was held under a bond of \$10,000, which up to a late hour last night he had not been able to obtain.

Muir disappeared from New Haven early in October and did not return until last evening. That he came back to give himself up is alleged. It is claimed that the bank has recovered all but about \$24,000 of the securities which Muir took. It is understood that he had been doing business with bucket shops here and that it was through these that he lost the bank's funds.

His arrest was caused by the state bank examiners, who yesterday began an investigation. It was intimated this evening that Muir's shortage will reach \$150,000. The bank has a capital of \$100,000 only, but the stockholders claim to have made good the entire shortage.

At a meeting of the stockholders yesterday Henry G. Newton, pres., and F. C. Boyd, vice president, resigned both as officers and directors.

Joseph E. Hubinger was elected president of the bank and it was voted to increase the surplus of the institution to \$50,000.

Muir is the fourth cashier of a New Haven bank to default since 1905, when A. C. Bushnell, the cashier of the Yale national bank, committed suicide as a defaulter to over \$35,000. In 1906 Douglas Smith, teller of the National tradesmen's bank, stole over \$72,000 of the bank's funds. Only six months ago the bookkeeper of the Merchants' national bank, Frederick H. Brigham, got away with over \$73,000 of the bank's funds. All four were victims of bucket shops and stole through opportunities as "trusted men" in their respective banks.

Muir was formerly a national bank examiner.

CLASSES TO RESUME

The women's branch of the People's club will open again on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, and the program of work for the ensuing week will be as follows: Thursday, cooking; Friday, embroidery; Monday, dressmaking and tailoring; Tuesday, plain sewing.

On Wednesday evening next week a Christmas party will be given to which all the members of the various classes are invited. There will be a pleasing entertainment and games; and ice cream and cake will be served.

HEALTH and BEAUTY HELPS

BY MRS. MAE MARTYN

Miss Anxiety: It is a bitter confession for our sex to make, but we have to admit that the girl who takes the best care of her complexion and general appearance has the best chance of getting a good husband. You should not be so careless about those blackheads and large uneven pores below your eyes. If you wish to get rid of these troubles, get an ounce of almost from your druggist and dissolve it in ½ pint of cold water and add 2 teaspoonfuls of glycerine. Stir briskly and let stand. Apply as you would any complexion cream. I have had friends tell me it was splendid for removing wrinkles. It is excellent for massaging, and will leave the skin smooth and pliable. This cream contains no oil or anything that will promote a growth of hair on the face and I recommend it for chapped face and hands, also for removing tan and freckles.

James J. Eczema, salt rheum, rashes and similar itching skin diseases are terribly annoying. The best remedy I know of is made in this way: Get from your druggist 4 ounces of lard and mix with 4 tablespoonfuls of alcohol and a half-pint of water. Shake bottle, pour small quantity upon affected surface and let dry, repeating treatment until eruptions disappear and skin is restored to healthy condition. In general, this remedy has proven very effective.

Katie D.: Never scratch the scalp with the finger-nails. To remove dandruff, stop your scalp from itching and keep the hair from falling out, shampoo the hair twice a month with cantharix dissolved in a half-pint of water. Dissolve 1 ounce of cantharix in ½ pint of alcohol and ½ pint of water. This is a splendid tonic for the hair, and if used regularly will keep your scalp and hair in a healthy condition. It makes the hair glossy and the scalp moist. It is the best and most refreshing tonic I know.

Harriet W.: If your eyes feel tired and are dull and inflamed, you need an eye tonic. Dissolve an ounce of crystals in a pint of water. One or two drops of this in each eye every day will do it. It is needed to strengthen your eyes and make them bright and sparkling. This tonic will not smart or burn and is a great aid to those who wear glasses. It makes the eyes appear brilliant and full of expression. A friend of mine, who is on the stage, tells me she keeps her much-adorned eyes beautiful by using this tonic. It is very strengthening to weak, inflamed, dull and tired eyes and for granulated eye-lids.

Miss G. P.: Your letter really amused me. You are entirely too fleshy to be charming. It is no wonder your sweetheart appears to care so little

for you since you have grown so fleshy. "Nobody loves a fat woman." You ought to reduce your weight at least 20 pounds. Given though other remedies have failed, try this. Dissolve 4 ounces of paraffin in a pint of hot water and take a tablespoonful before each meal. This remedy is perfectly harmless and does not require dieting. I am sure it will do you a world of good and enable you to realize your former stylish, slender figure.

Anna R. (1): Don't use soap when shampooing. It does more harm than good. It makes the hair stiff and leaves the scalp harsh and dry. Try shampooing your hair every two weeks with 2 teaspoonfuls of cantharix dissolved in a pint of hot water. You use any other kind of a shampoo. Cantharix lathers freely and gives a delicious feeling. It cleans the hair and scalp nicely and stops all irritation. You can get a cantharix shampoo at almost any shampoo parlor or you can buy cantharix from your druggist and prepare the shampoo at home. It makes the hair soft and glossy. (2) For a genuinely good hair tonic, see answer to Katie D.

Louise L.: Men certainly can't be blamed for admiring pretty women. The woman with a clear, fresh-looking, youthful complexion deserves attention. If you want to get rid of that sallow, greasy, muddy look to your complexion, the next time you go to the drug store, get 4 ounces of spurge and add 2 teaspoonfuls of sugar to hot water and add 2 teaspoonfuls of glycerine. This lotion will not rub off like face powder, but will clear up and whiten the skin. It is soft and smooth, and gives you a beautiful complexion. I find this lotion excellent for rough, scaly skin, cold sores, blotches, skin eruptions, and even a very little and is unquestionably a wonderful beautifier.

Plorence: That tired feeling you have on arising every morning shows plainly that your blood is not in good order. You ought to take a good tonic. The best tonic I know of is made by dissolving an ounce of karydine and 1 ounce of glycerine in ½ pint of alcohol, and then adding enough boiling water to make a full quart of tonic. Take 1 tablespoonful 5 minutes before each meal and before retiring. It will clear up your blood, relieve you of that tired, heavy feeling, give you renewed energy and remove those pimples from your face. This tonic will put your blood in good condition, and make you feel like a new woman. My experience shows this tonic an excellent one for clearing up a sallow complexion, restoring lost appetite, removing liver blotches, skin eruptions, and toning up the system generally.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Senate and the House of Representatives:

The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of amity and good understanding and are very generally satisfactory.

Europe.

Pursuant to the provisions of the general treaty of arbitration concluded between the United States and Great Britain, April 4, 1908, a special agreement was entered into between the two countries on Jan. 27, 1909, for the submission of questions relating to the fisheries on the north Atlantic coast to a tribunal to be formed from members of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

In accordance with the provisions of the special agreement the printed case of each government was, on Oct. 4 last, submitted to the other and to the arbitral tribunal at The Hague, and the counter case of the United States is now in course of preparation.

The American rights under the fisheries article of the treaty of 1818 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly seventy years. The interests involved are of great importance to the American fishing industry, and the final settlement of the controversy will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint. This is the first case involving such great international questions which has been submitted to the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

The treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning the Canadian international boundary, concluded April 11, 1908, authorizes the appointment of two commissioners to define and mark accurately the international boundary line between the United States and the Dominion of Canada in the waters of the Passamaquoddy bay and provides for the exchange of briefs within the period of six months. The briefs were duly presented within the prescribed period, but as the commissioners failed to agree within six months after the exchange of the printed statements, as required by the treaty, it has now become necessary to resort to the arbitration provided for in the article.

The international fisheries commission appointed pursuant to and under the authority of the convention of April 11, 1908, between the United States and Great Britain has completed a system of uniform and common international regulations for the protection and preservation of the food fishes in international boundary waters of the United States and Canada.

The regulations will be duly submitted to congress with a view to the enactment of such legislation as will be necessary under the convention to put them into operation.

The convention providing for the settlement of international differences between the United States and Canada, including the appointment between the two countries of certain of the boundary waters and the appointment of commissioners to adjust certain other questions, signed on the 11th day of January, 1909, and to the ratification of which the senate gave its advice and consent on March 3, 1909, has not yet been ratified on the part of Great Britain.

Commissioners have been appointed on the part of the United States to act jointly with commissioners on the part of Canada in examining into the question of obstructions in the St. John river between Maine and New Brunswick and to make recommendations for the regulation of the uses thereof and are now engaged in this work.

Protecting the Seals.

Negotiations for an international conference to consider and reach an arrangement providing for the preservation and protection of the fur seals in the north Pacific are in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Japan and Russia. The attitude of the governments interested leads me to hope for a satisfactory settlement of this question as the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

The second peace conference recently held at The Hague adopted a convention for the establishment of an international prize court upon the joint proposal of delegations of the United States, France, Germany and Great Britain. The law to be observed by the tribunal in the decision of prize cases was, however, left in an uncertain and therefore unsatisfactory state. Article 7 of the convention provided that the court was to be governed by the provisions of treaties existing between the belligerents, but that "in the absence of such provisions the court shall apply the rules of international law. If no generally recognized rule exists the court shall give judgment in accordance with the general principles of justice and equity." As, however, many questions in international maritime law are understood differently and therefore interpreted differently in various countries, it was deemed advisable not to trust legislative powers to the proposed court, but to determine the rules of law properly applicable in a conference of the representative maritime nations.

Pursuant to an invitation of Great Britain a conference was held at London from Dec. 2, 1908, to Feb. 26, 1909, in which the following powers participated: The United States, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia and Spain. The conference resulted in the declaration of London, unanimously agreed to and signed by the participating powers, concerning, among other matters, the highly important subjects of blockade, contraband, the destruc-

tion of neutral prizes and continuous voyages.

The declaration of London is an eminently satisfactory codification of the international maritime law, and it is hoped that its reasonableness and fairness will secure its general adoption, as well as remove one of the difficulties standing in the way of the establishment of an international prize court.

Under the authority given in the sundry civil appropriation act, approved March 4, 1900, the United States was represented at the international conference on maritime law at Brussels. The conference met on the 28th of September last and resulted in the signature and referendum of a convention for the unification of certain regulations with regard to maritime assistance and salvage and a convention for the unification of certain rules with regard to collisions at sea.

Two new projects of conventions which have not heretofore been considered in a diplomatic conference—namely, one concerning the limitation of the responsibility of shipowners and the other concerning marine mortgages and privileges—have been submitted by the conference to the different governments.

The conference adjourned to meet again on April 11, 1910.

The international conference for the purpose of promoting uniform legislation concerning letters of exchange, which was called by the government of the Netherlands to meet at The Hague in September, 1909, has been postponed to meet at that capital in June, 1910. The United States will be appropriately represented in this conference under the provision thereof already made by congress.

The cordial invitation of Belgium to be represented by a fitting display of American progress in the useful arts and inventions at the world's fair to be held at Brussels in 1910 remains to be acted upon by the congress. Mindful of the advantages to accrue to our artisans and producers in competition with their continental rivals, I renew the recommendation heretofore made that provision be made for acceptance of the invitation and adequate representation in the exposition.

The question arising out of the Belgian annexation of the Independent State of the Congo, which has so long and earnestly preoccupied the attention of this government and enlisted the sympathy of our best citizens, is still open, but in a more hopeful stage. This government was among the foremost in the great work of uplifting the uncivilized regions of Africa and urging the extension of the benefits of civilization, education and fruitful open commerce to that vast domain and is a party to treaty engagements of all the interested powers designed to carry out that great duty to humanity. The way to better the original and adventitious conditions, so burdensome to the natives and so destructive to their development, has been pointed out, by observation and experience, not alone of American representatives, but by cumulative evidence from all quarters and by the investigations of Belgian agents. The announced programs of reforms, striking at many of the evils known to exist, are an augury of better things. The attitude of the United States is one of benevolent encouragement, coupled with a hopeful trust that the good work, responsibly undertaken and zealously perfected to the accomplishment of the results so ardently desired, will soon justify the wisdom that inspires them and satisfy the demands of humane sentiment throughout the world.

German Patents.

A convention between the United States and Germany, under which the nonworking provisions of the German patent law are made inapplicable to the patents of American citizens, was concluded on Feb. 23, 1909, and is now in force. Negotiations for similar conventions looking to the placing of American inventors on the same footing as nationals have recently been initiated with other European governments whose laws require the local working of foreign patents.

Under an appropriation made at the last session of the congress a commission was sent on American cruisers to Monrovia to investigate the interests of the United States and its citizens in Liberia. Upon its arrival at Monrovia the commission was enthusiastically received and during its stay in Liberia was everywhere met with the heartiest expressions of good will for the American government and people, and the hope was repeatedly expressed on all sides that this government might see its way clear to do something to relieve the critical position of the republic arising in a measure from external as well as internal and financial embarrassments.

The Liberian government afforded every facility to the commission for ascertaining the true state of affairs. The commission also had conferences with representative citizens, interested foreigners and the representatives of foreign governments in Monrovia. Visits were made to various parts of the republic and to the neighboring British colony of Sierra Leone, where the commission was received by and conferred with the governor.

Helping Liberia.

It will be remembered that the interest of the United States in the republic of Liberia springs from the historical fact of the foundation of the republic by the colonization of American citizens of the African race. In an early treaty with Liberia there is a provision under which the United

States may be called upon for advice or assistance. Pursuant to this provision and in the spirit of the moral relationship of the United States to Liberia that republic last year asked this government to lend assistance in the solution of certain of their national problems, and hence the commission was sent.

The report of our commissioners has just been completed and is now under examination by the department of state. It is hoped that there may result some helpful measures, in which case it may be my duty again to invite your attention to this subject.

The Norwegian government, by a note addressed on Jan. 26, 1900, to the department of state, conveyed an invitation to the government of the United States to take part in a conference which it is understood will be held in February or March, 1910, for the purpose of devising means to remedy existing conditions in the Spitzbergen islands.

This invitation was conveyed under the reservation that the question of altering the status of the islands as countries belonging to no particular state and as equally open to the citizens and subjects of all states should not be raised.

The European powers invited to this conference by the government of Norway were Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Sweden and the Netherlands.

The department of state, in view of the fact that in 1906, showing the American possession, occupation and working of certain coal bearing lands in Spitzbergen, accepted the invitation under the reservation above stated and under the further reservation that all interests in those islands already vested should be protected and that there should be equality of opportunity for the future. It was further pointed out that membership in the conference on the part of the United States was qualified by the consideration that this government would not become a signatory to any conventional arrangement concluded by the European members of the conference which would imply contributory participation by the United States in any obligation or responsibility for the enforcement of any scheme of administration which might be devised by the conference for the islands.

The Near East.

His majesty Mehmud V., sultan of Turkey, recently sent to this country a special embassy to announce his accession. The quick transition of the government of the Ottoman empire from one of retrograde tendencies to a constitutional government with a parliament and with progressive modern policies of reform and public improvement is one of the important phenomena of our times. Constitutional government seems also to have made further advance in Persia. These events have turned the eyes of the world upon the near east. In that quarter the prestige of the United States has spread widely through the peaceful influence of American schools, universities and missionaries. There is every reason why we should obtain a greater share of the commerce of the near east since the conditions are more favorable now than ever before.

Latin America.

One of the happiest events in recent pan-American diplomacy was the peaceful, independent settlement by the governments of Bolivia and Peru of a boundary difference between them, which for some weeks threatened to cause war and even to entrain bitterness affecting other republics less directly concerned. From various quarters, directly or indirectly concerned, the intermediation of the United States was sought to assist in a solution of the controversy. Desiring at all times to abstain from any undue mingling in the affairs of sister republics and having faith in the ability of the governments of Peru and Bolivia themselves to settle their difference in a manner satisfactory to themselves which, viewed with unanimity, would assuage all bitterness, this government steadily abstained from being drawn into the controversy and was much gratified to find its confidence justified by events.

On the 9th of July next there will open at Buenos Aires the fourth pan-American conference. This conference will have a special meaning to the hearts of all Americans because around its date are clustered the anniversaries of the independence of so many of the American republics. It is not necessary for me to remind the congress of the political, social and commercial importance of these gatherings. You are asked to make liberal appropriation for our participation. If this be granted it is my purpose to appoint a distinguished and representative delegation qualified fittingly to represent this country and to deal with the problems of intercontinental interest which will there be discussed.

The Argentine Republic will also hold from May to November, 1910, at Buenos Aires a great international agricultural exhibition, in which the United States has been invited to participate. Considering the rapid growth of the trade of the United States with the Argentine Republic and the cordial relations existing between the two nations, together with the fact that it provides an opportunity to show deference to a sister republic on the occasion of the celebration of its national independence, the proper departments of this government are taking steps to apprise the interests concerned of the opportunity afforded by this exhibition, in which appropriate participation by this country is so desirable. The designation of an official representative is also receiving consideration.

Today more than ever before American capital is seeking investment in foreign countries, and American products are more and more generally seeking foreign markets. As a consequence in all countries there are American citizens and American interests to be protected on occasion by their government. These movements of men, of capital and of commodities bring peoples and governments closer together and so form bonds of peace and mutual dependency, as they must also naturally sometimes make passing points of friction. The resultant situation inevitably imposes upon this government vastly increased responsibilities. This administration, through the department of state and the foreign service, is lending all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enterprises in foreign countries, the degree of such support being measured by the national advantages to be expected. A citizen himself cannot by contract or otherwise divest himself of the right, nor can this government escape the obligation, of his protection in his personal and property rights when these are unjustly infringed in a foreign country. To avoid ceaseless vexation it is proper that in considering whether American enterprise should be encouraged or supported in a particular country the government should give full weight not only to the national as opposed to the individual benefits to accrue, but also to the fact whether or not the government of the country in question is in its administration and in its diplomacy faithful to the principles of moderation, equity and justice upon which alone depends international credit in diplomacy as well as in finance.

The pan-American policy of this government has long been fixed in its principles and remains unchanged. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south of us, most of which have great natural resources, stable government and progressive ideals, the apprehension which gave rise to the Monroe doctrine may be said to have nearly disappeared, and neither the doctrine as it exists nor any other doctrine of American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

Beside the fundamental doctrines of our pan-American policy there have grown up a realization of political interests, community of institutions and ideals and a flourishing commerce. All these bonds will be greatly strengthened as time goes on and increased facilities, such as the great bank soon to be established in Latin America, supply the means for building up the colossal intercontinental commerce of the future.

My meeting with President Diaz and the greeting exchanged on both American and Mexican soil served, I hope, to signalize the close and cordial relations which so well bind together this republic and the great republic immediately to the south, between which there is so vast a network of material interests.

I am happy to say that all but one of the cases which for so long vexed our relations with Venezuela have been settled within the past few months and that, under the enlightened regime now directing the government of Venezuela, provision has been made for arbitration of the remaining case before The Hague tribunal.

On July 30, 1909, the government of Panama agreed, after considerable negotiation, to indemnify the relatives of the American officers and sailors who were brutally treated, one of them having, indeed, been killed, by the Panamanian police this year.

The sincere desire of the government of Panama to do away with a situation where such an accident could occur is manifest in the recent request in compliance with which this government has lent the services of an officer of the army to be employed by the government of Panama as instructor of police.

The sanitary improvements and public works undertaken in Cuba prior to the present administration of that government, in the success of which the United States is interested under the treaty, are reported to be making good progress, and since the congress provided for the continuance of the reciprocal commercial arrangement between Cuba and the United States assumption has been received that no negotiations injuriously affecting the situation will be undertaken without consultation.

The collection of the customs of the Dominican Republic through the general receiver of customs appointed by the president of the United States in accordance with the convention of Feb. 8, 1907, has proceeded in an uneventful and satisfactory manner. The customs receipts have decreased owing to disturbed political and economic conditions and to a very natural curtailment of imports in view of the anticipated revision of the Dominican tariff schedule. The payments to the fiscal agency fund for the service of the bonded debt of the republic, as provided by the convention, have been regularly and promptly made, and satisfactory progress has been made in carrying out the provisions of the convention looking toward the completion of the adjustment of the debt and the acquiescence by the Dominican government of certain concessions and monopolies which have been a burden to the commerce of the country. In short, the receivership has demonstrated its ability, even under unfavorable economic and political conditions, to do the work for which it was intended.

This government was obliged to intervene diplomatically to bring about arbitration or settlement of the claim of the Emery company against Nicaragua, which it had long before been agreed should be arbitrated. A settlement of this troublesome case was

reached by the signature of a protocol on Sept. 18, 1909.

Claim Against Chile.

Many years ago diplomatic intervention became necessary to the protection of the interests in the American claim of Alsop & Co. against the government of Chile. The government of Chile had frequently admitted obligation in the case and had promised this government to settle it. There had been two abortive attempts to do so through arbitral commissions which failed through lack of jurisdiction. Now, happily, as the result of the recent diplomatic negotiations, the governments of the United States and of Chile, actuated by the sincere desire to free from any strain both cordial and friendly relations upon which both set such store, have agreed by a protocol to submit the controversy to definitive settlement by his Britannic majesty Edward VII.

Since the Washington conventions of 1907 were communicated to the government of the United States as a consulting and advising party this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another and in turn by all of the five Central American republics to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Yeliza government of Nicaragua, which has kept Central America in constant tension or turmoil. The responses made to the representations of Central American republics as due from the United States on account of its relation to the Washington conventions have been at all times conservative and have avoided, so far as possible, any semblance of interference, although it is very apparent that the considerations of geographic proximity to the canal zone and of the very substantial American interests in Central America give to the United States a special position in the zone of these republics and the Caribbean sea.

I need not rehearse here the patient efforts of this government to promote peace and welfare among these republics, efforts which are fully appreciated by the majority of them who are loyal to their true interests. It would be no less unnecessary to rehearse here the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Yeliza government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of President Yeliza himself. They were officers in the organized forces of a revolution which had continued many weeks and was in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war.

At the date when this message is printed this government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Yeliza government for reasons made public in a communication to the former Nicaraguan charge d'affaires and is intending to take such future steps as may be found most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization. It may later be necessary for me to bring this subject to the attention of the congress in a special message.

Bureau of American Republics.

The international bureau of American republics has carried on an important and increasing work during the last year. In the exercise of its peculiar functions as an international agency, maintained by all the American republics for the development of pan-American commerce and friendship, it has accomplished a great practical good which could be done in the same way by no individual department or bureau of one government and is therefore deserving of your liberal support.

The fact that it is about to enter a new building, erected through the munificence of an American philanthropist and the contributions of all the American nations, where both its efficiency of administration and expense of maintenance will naturally be much augmented, further entitles it to special consideration.

The Far East.

In the far east this government preserves unchanged its policy of supporting the principle of equality of opportunity and scrupulous respect for the integrity of the Chinese empire, to which policy are pledged the interested powers of both east and west.

By the treaty of 1903 China has undertaken the abolition of likin with a moderate and proportionate raising of the customs tariff along with currency reform. These reforms being of manifest advantage to foreign commerce as well as to the interests of China, this government is endeavoring to facilitate these measures and the useful acquiescence of the treaty powers. When it appeared that Chinese likin revenues were to be hypothecated to foreign bankers in connection with a great railway project it was obvious that the governments whose nationals held this loan would have a certain direct interest in the question of the carrying out by China of the reforms in question. Because this railroad loan represented a practical and real application of the open door policy through co-operation with China by interested powers, as well as because of its relations to the reforms referred to above, the administration deemed American participation to be of great national interest. Happily, when it was a matter of broad policy urgent that this opportunity should not be lost, the indispensable instrumentality presented itself when a group of American bankers of international reputation and great resources agreed at once to share in the loan upon precisely such terms as this government should approve. The chief of these terms was that American railway material should be upon an exact equality with that of the other national joint-

ing in the loan in the placing of orders for this whole railroad system. After months of negotiation the equal participation of Americans seems at last assured. It is gratifying that Americans will thus take their share in this extension of these great highways of trade and to believe that such activities will give a real impetus to our commerce and will prove a practical corollary to our historic policy in the far east.

The Imperial Chinese government in pursuance of its decision to devote funds from the portion of the indemnity remitted by the United States to the sending of students to this country has already completed arrangements for carrying out this purpose, and a considerable body of students have arrived to take up their work in our schools and universities. No one can doubt the happy effect that the associations formed by these representative young men will have when they return to take up their work in the progressive development of their country.

The results of the opium conference held at Shanghai last spring at the invitation of the United States have been laid before the government. The report shows that China is making remarkable progress and admirable efforts toward the eradication of the opium evil and that the governments concerned have not allowed their commercial interests to interfere with a helpful co-operation in this reform. Collateral investigations of the opium question in this country lead me to recommend that the manufacture, sale and use of opium and its derivatives in the United States should be so far as possible more vigorously controlled by legislation.

In one of the Chinese-Japanese conventions of Sept. 4 of this year there was a provision which caused considerable public apprehension in that upon its face it was believed in some quarters to seek to establish a monopoly of mining privileges along the South Manchurian and Antung-Jukden railroads and thus to exclude Americans from a wide field of enterprise, to take part in which they were by treaty with China entitled. After a thorough examination of the conventions and of the several contextual documents the secretary of state reached the conclusion that no such monopoly was intended or accomplished. However, in view of the widespread discussion of this question, to confirm the view it had reached this government made inquiry of the Imperial Chinese and Japanese governments and received from each official assurance that the provision had no purpose inconsistent with the policy of equality of opportunity to which the signatories, in common with the United States, are pledged.

Relations With Japan.

Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial, as usual. As the representative of Japan his Imperial highness Prince Kunikida visited the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The recent visit of a delegation of prominent business men as guests of the chambers of commerce of the Pacific slope, whose representatives had been so agreeably received in Japan, will doubtless contribute to the growing trade across the Pacific as well as to that mutual understanding which leads to mutual appreciation. The arrangement of 1908 for a co-operative control of the coming of laborers to the United States has proved to work satisfactorily. The matter of a revision of the existing treaty between the United States and Japan which is terminable in 1912 is already receiving the study of both countries.

The department of state is considering the revision in whole or in part of the existing treaty with Siam, which was concluded in 1856 and is now, in respect to many of its provisions, out of date.

The Department of State.

I earnestly recommend to the favorable action of the congress the estimates submitted by the department of state and most especially the legislation suggested in the secretary of state's letter of this date whereby it will be possible to develop and make permanent the reorganization of the department upon modern lines in a manner to make it a thoroughly efficient instrument in the furtherance of our foreign trade and of American interests abroad. The plan to have divisions of Latin American and far eastern affairs and to institute a certain specialization in business with Europe and the near east will at once commend itself. These politico-geographical divisions and the detail from the diplomatic or consular service to the department of a number of men who bring to the study of complicated problems in different parts of the world practical knowledge recently gained on the spot clearly is of the greatest advantage to the secretary of state in foreseeing conditions likely to arise and in conducting the great variety of correspondence and negotiation. It should be remembered that such facilities exist in the foreign offices of all the leading commercial nations and that to deny them to the secretary of state would be to place this government at a great disadvantage in the rivalry of commercial competition.

Improved Consular Service.

The consular service has been greatly improved under the law of April 5, 1909, and the executive order of June 27, 1909, and I commend to your consideration the question of embodying in a statute the principles of the present executive order upon which the efficiency of our consular service is wholly dependent.

In modern times political and commercial interests are interrelated, and in the negotiation of commercial treaties, conventions and tariff agreements, the keeping open of opportunities and the proper support of American enterprises our diplomatic service is quite

as important as the consular service to the business interests of the country. Impressed with this idea and convinced that selection after rigorous examination, promotion for merit solely and the experience only to be gained through the continuity of an organized service are indispensable to a high degree of efficiency in the diplomatic service, I have signed an executive order as the first step toward this very desirable result. Its effect should be to place all secretaries in the diplomatic service on much the same position as consular officers are now placed and to tend to the promotion of the most efficient to the grade of minister, generally leaving for outside appointment such posts of the grade of ambassador or minister as it may be expedient to fill from without the service. It is proposed also to continue the practice instituted last summer of giving to all newly appointed secretaries at least one month's thorough training in the department of state before they proceed to their posts. This has been done for some time in regard to the consular service with excellent results.

Under a provision of the act of Aug. 5, 1909, I have appointed three officials to assist the officers of the government in collecting information necessary to a wise administration of the tariff act of Aug. 5, 1909. As to questions of customs administration they are co-operating with the officials of the treasury department and as to matters of the needs and the exigencies of our manufacturers and exporters with the department of commerce and labor in its relation to the domestic aspect of the subject of foreign commerce. In the study of foreign tariff treatment they will assist the bureau of trade relations of the department of state. It is hoped thus to co-ordinate and bring to bear upon this most important subject all the agencies of the government which can contribute anything to its efficient handling.

As a consequence of section 2 of the tariff act of Aug. 5, 1909, it becomes the duty of the secretary of state to conduct as diplomatic business all the negotiations necessary to place him in a position to advise me as to whether or not a particular country unduly discriminates against the United States in the sense of the statute referred to. The great scope and complexity of this work, as well as the obligation to lend all proper aid to our expanding commerce, are met by the expansion of the bureau of trade relations as set forth in the estimates for the department of state.

Other Departments.

I have thus in some detail described the important transactions of the state department since the beginning of this administration for the reason that there is no provision either by statute or custom for a formal report by the secretary of state to the president or to congress, and a presidential message is the only means by which the condition of our foreign relations is brought to the attention of congress and the public.

In dealing with the affairs of the other departments, the heads of which all submit annual reports, I shall touch only those matters that seem to me to call for special mention on my part without minimizing in any way the recommendations made by them for legislation affecting their respective departments, in all of which I wish to express my general concurrence.

Government Expenditures and Revenues.

Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditures and sufficiency of revenue. The deficit of the last fiscal year and the certain deficit of the current year prompted congress to throw a greater responsibility on the executive and the secretary of the treasury than had heretofore been declared by statute. This declaration imposes upon the secretary of the treasury the duty of assembling all the estimates of the executive departments, bureaus and offices of the expenditures necessary in the ensuing fiscal year and of making an estimate of the revenues of the government for the same period, and if a probable deficit is thus shown it is made the duty of the president to recommend the method by which such deficit can be met.

Estimated Deficit \$73,075,600.

The report of the secretary shows that the ordinary expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, will exceed the estimated receipts by \$34,075,620. If to this deficit are added the sum to be disbursed for the Panama canal, amounting to \$38,000,000, and \$1,000,000 to be paid on the public debt, the deficit of ordinary receipts and expenditures will be increased to a total deficit of \$73,075,620. This deficit the secretary proposes to meet by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama canal. I approve this proposal.

The policy of paying for the construction of the Panama canal not out of current revenue, but by bond issue, was adopted in the Spooner act of 1902, and there seems to be no good reason for departing from the principle by which a part at least of the burden of the cost of the canal shall fall upon our posterity, who are to enjoy it, and there is all the more reason for this view because the actual cost to date of the canal, which is now half done and which will be completed Jan. 1, 1915, shows that the cost of engineering and construction will be \$237,700,000 instead of \$139,705,200, as originally estimated. In addition to engineering and construction, the other expenses, including sanitation and government and the amount paid for the properties, the franchises and the privilege of building the canal, increase the cost by \$75,435,000 to a total of \$313,135,200. The increase in

the cost of engineering and construction is due to a substantial enlargement of the plan of construction by widening the canal 100 feet in the Cul-de-sac cut and by increasing the dimensions of the locks, to the under-estimate of the quantity of the work to be done under the original plan and to an under-estimate of the cost of labor and materials, both of which have greatly enhanced in price since the original estimate was made.

In order to avoid a deficit for the ensuing fiscal year I directed the heads of departments in the preparation of their estimates to make them as low as possible consistent with imperative governmental necessity. The result has been, as I am advised by the secretary of the treasury, that the estimates of the expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911—that is, for the next fiscal year—are less by \$55,663,000 than the total of appropriations for the current fiscal year and less by \$84,000,000 than the estimates for that year. So far as the secretary of the treasury is able to form a judgment as to future income and compare it with the expenditures for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, including the payments on account of the Panama canal and the public debt, there will be no deficit in the year ending June 30, 1911, but a small surplus of \$712,000.

In the present estimates the needs of the departments and of the government have been cut to the quick, so to speak, and any assumption on the part of congress, so often made in times past, that the estimates have been prepared with the expectation that they may be reduced will result in seriously hampering proper administration.

The secretary of the treasury points out, what should be carefully noted in respect to this reduction in governmental expenses for the next fiscal year, that the economies are of two kinds—first, there is a saving in the permanent administration of the departments, bureaus and offices of the government, and, second, there is a present reduction in expenses by a postponement of projects and improvements that ultimately will have to be carried out, but which are now delayed with the hope that additional revenue in the future will permit their execution without producing a deficit.

I am aware that there is a strong feeling in both houses of congress and possibly in the country against the establishment of civil pensions and that this has naturally grown out of the heavy burden of military pensions which it has always been the policy of our government to assume, but I am strongly convinced that no other practical solution of the difficulties presented by the superannuation of civil servants can be found than that of a system of civil pensions.

Increase in Expenditures.

The business and expenditures of the government have expanded enormously since the Spanish war, but as the revenues have increased in nearly the same proportion as the expenditures until recently the attention of the public and of those responsible for the government has not been fastened upon the question of reducing the cost of administration. We cannot, in view of the advancing prices of living, hope to save money by a reduction in the standard of salaries paid. Indeed, if any change is made in that regard an increase rather than a decrease will be necessary, and the only means of economy will be in reducing the number of employees and in obtaining a greater average of efficiency from those retained in the service.

Close investigation and study needed to make definite recommendations in this regard will consume at least two years. I note with much satisfaction the organization in the senate of a committee on public expenditures, charged with the duty of conducting such an investigation, and I tender to that committee all the assistance which the executive branch of the government can possibly render.

Frauds in the Collections of Customs.

I regret to refer to the fact of the discovery of extensive frauds in the collection of the customs revenue at New York city, in which a number of the subordinate employees in the weighing and other departments were directly concerned and in which the beneficiaries were the American Sugar Refining company and others. The frauds consisted in the payment of duty on underweights of sugar. The government has recovered from the American Sugar Refining company all that it is shown to have been defrauded of. The sum was received in full of the amount due which might have been recovered by civil action against the beneficiary of the fraud, but there was an express reservation in the contract of settlement by which the settlement should not interfere with or prevent the criminal prosecution of every one who was found to be subject to the same.

Criminal prosecutions are now proceeding against a number of the government officers. The treasury department and the department of justice are exerting every effort to discover all the wrongdoers, including the officers and employees of the companies who may have been privy to the fraud. It would seem to me that an investigation of the frauds by congress at present, pending the probing by the treasury department and the department of justice, as proposed, might by giving immunity and otherwise prove an embarrassment in securing conviction of the guilty parties.

Maximum and Minimum Clause in Tariff Act.

Two features of the new tariff act call for special reference. By virtue of the clause known as the "maximum and minimum" clause it is the duty of the executive to consider the laws and practices of other countries with reference to the importation into those

countries of the products and merchandise of the United States, and if the executive finds such laws and practices not to be unduly discriminatory against the United States the minimum duties provided in the bill are to go into force. Unless the president makes such a finding, then the maximum duties provided in the bill—that is, an increase of 25 per cent ad valorem over the minimum duties—are to be in force. Fear has been expressed that this power conferred and duty imposed on the executive are likely to lead to a tariff war. I beg to express the hope and belief that no such result need be anticipated.

The discretion granted to the executive by the terms "unduly discriminatory" is wide. In order that the maximum duty shall be charged against the imports from a country it is necessary that he shall find on the part of that country not only discriminations in its laws or the practice under them against the trade of the United States, but that the discriminations found shall be undue—that is, without good and fair reason. I conceive that this power was reposed in the president with the hope that the maximum duties might never be applied in any case, but that the power to apply them would enable the president and the state department through friendly negotiation to secure the elimination from the laws and the practice under them of any foreign country of that which is unduly discriminatory. No one is seeking a tariff war or a condition in which the spirit of retaliation shall be aroused.

Uses of the New Tariff Board.

The new tariff law enables me to appoint a tariff board to assist me in connection with the department of state in the administration of the minimum and maximum clause of the act and also to assist officers of the government in the administration of the entire law. An examination of the law and an understanding of the nature of the facts which should be considered in discharging the functions imposed upon the executive show that I have the power to direct the tariff board to make a comprehensive glossary and encyclopedia of the terms used and articles embraced in the tariff law and to secure information as to the cost of production of such goods in this country and the cost of their production in foreign countries. I have therefore appointed a tariff board consisting of three members and have directed them to perform all the duties above described. This work will perhaps take two or three years, and I ask from congress a continuing annual appropriation equal to that already made for this prosecution. I believe that the work of this board will be of prime utility and importance whenever congress shall deem it wise again to readjust the customs duties. If the facts secured by the tariff board are of such a character as to show generally that the rates of duties imposed by the present tariff law are excessive under the principles of protection as described in the platform of the successful party at the last election I shall not hesitate to invite the attention of congress to this fact and to the necessity for action predicated thereon. Nothing, however, hinders business and interferes with the course of prosperity so much as the threatened revision of the tariff, and until the facts are at hand, after careful and deliberate investigation, upon which such revision can properly be undertaken, it seems to me unwise to attempt it. The amount of misinformation that creeps into arguments pro and con in respect to tariff rates is such as to require the kind of investigation that I have directed the tariff board to make, an investigation undertaken by it wholly without respect to the effect which the facts may have in calling for a readjustment of the rates of duty.

War Department.

In the interests of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit I have required a reduction in the estimates of the war department for the coming fiscal year which brings the total estimates down to an amount forty-five millions less than the corresponding estimates for last year. This could be accomplished only by cutting off new projects and suspending for the period of one year all progress in military matters. For the same reason I have directed that the army shall not be recruited up to its present authorized strength. These measures can hardly be more than temporary—to last until our revenues are in better condition and until the whole question of the expediency of adopting a definite military policy can be submitted to congress—for I am sure that the interests of the military establishment are seriously in need of careful consideration by congress. The laws regulating the organization of our armed forces in the event of war need to be revised in order that the organization can be modified so as to produce a force which would be more consistently apportioned throughout its numerous branches. To explain the circumstances upon which this opinion is based would necessitate a lengthy discussion, and I postpone it until the first convenient opportunity shall arise to send to congress a special message upon this subject.

The secretary of war calls attention to a number of needed changes in the army, in all of which I concur, but the point upon which I place most emphasis is the need for an elimination bill providing a method by which the merits of officers shall have some effect upon their advancement and by which the advancement of all may be accelerated by the effective elimination of a definite proportion of the least efficient. There are in every army and certainly in ours a number of officers who do not violate their duty in any such way as to give reason for a court martial or dismissal, but who do not

show such aptitude and skill and character for high command as to justify their remaining in the active service to be promoted. Provision should be made by which they may be retired on a certain proportion of their pay, increasing with their length of service at the time of retirement. There is now a personnel law for the navy which itself needs amendment and to which I shall make further reference. Such a law is needed quite as much for the army.

Coast Defenses.

The coast defenses of the United States proper are generally all that could be desired, and in some respects they are rather more elaborate than under present conditions are needed to stop an enemy's fleet from entering the harbors defended. There is, however, one place where additional defense is badly needed, and that is at the mouth of Chesapeake bay, where it is proposed to make an artificial island for a fort which shall prevent an enemy's fleet from entering this most important strategic base of operations on the whole Atlantic and gulf coasts. I hope that appropriate legislation will be adopted to secure the construction of this defense.

The military and naval joint board have unanimously agreed that it would be unwise to make the large expenditures which at one time were contemplated in the establishment of a naval base and station in the Philippine Islands and have expressed their judgment, in which I fully concur, in favor of making an extensive naval base at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, and not in the Philippines. This does not dispense with the necessity for the comparatively small appropriations required to finish the proper coast defenses in the Philippines now under construction on the island of Corregidor and elsewhere or to complete a suitable repair station and coaling supply station at Olongapo, where is the floating dock Dewey. I hope that this recommendation of the joint board will end the discussion as to the comparative merits of Manila bay and Olongapo as naval stations and will lead to prompt measures for the proper equipment and defense of Pearl Harbor.

The Navy.

The return of the battleship fleet from its voyage around the world in more efficient condition than when it started was a noteworthy event of interest alike to our citizens and the naval authorities of the world. Besides the beneficial and far-reaching effect on our personal and diplomatic relations in the countries which the fleet visited, the marked success of the ships in steaming around the world in all weathers on schedule time has increased respect for our navy and has added to our national prestige.

Our enlisted personnel recruited from all sections of the country is young and energetic and representative of the national spirit. It is, moreover, owing to its intelligence, capable of quick training into the modern man-of-war's men. Our officers are earnest and zealous in their profession, but it is a regrettable fact that the higher officers are old for the responsibilities of the modern navy, and the admirals do not arrive at flag rank young enough to obtain adequate training in their duties as flag officers. This need for reform in the navy has been ably and earnestly presented to congress by my predecessor, and I also urgently recommend the subject for consideration.

Early in the coming session a comprehensive plan for the reorganization of the officers of all corps of the navy will be presented to congress, and I hope it will meet with action suited to its urgency.

Owing to the necessity for economy in expenditures, I have directed the curtailment of recommendations for naval appropriations so that they are thirty-eight millions less than the corresponding estimates of last year, and the request for new naval construction is limited to two first class battleships and one repair vessel.

The generosity of congress has provided in the present naval observatory the most magnificent and expensive astronomical establishment in the world. It is being used for certain naval purposes which might easily and adequately be subserved by a small division connected with the navy department at only a fraction of the cost of the present naval observatory. The official board of visitors established by congress and appointed in 1901 expressed its conclusion that the official head of the observatory should be an eminent astronomer appointed by the president by and with the advice and consent of the senate, holding his place by a tenure at least as permanent as that of the superintendent of the coast survey or the head of the geological survey and not merely by a detail of two or three years' duration. I fully concur in this judgment and urge a provision by law for the appointment of such a director.

Department of Justice—Expedition in Legal Procedure.

The deplorable delays in the administration of civil and criminal law have received the attention of committees of the American Bar association and of many state bar associations, as well as the considered thought of judges and jurists. In my judgment, a change in judicial procedure, with a view to reducing its expense to private litigants in civil cases and facilitating the dispatch of business and final decision in both civil and criminal cases, constitutes the greatest need in our American institutions. I do not doubt for one moment that much of the lawless violence and cruelty exhibited in lynchings are directly due to the uncertainties and injustices growing out of the delays in trials, judgments and the executions thereof by our courts. Of course these remarks apply quite as

well to the administration of justice in state courts as to that in federal courts, and without making invidious distinction it is perhaps not too much to say that, speaking generally, the defects are less in the federal courts than in the state courts. But they are very great in the federal courts. The expedition with which business is disposed of both on the civil and the criminal side of English courts under modern rules of procedure makes the delays in our courts seem archaic and barbarous. The procedure in the federal courts should furnish an example for the state courts.

I presume it is impossible without an amendment to the constitution to unite under one form of action the proceedings at common law and proceedings in equity in the federal courts, but it is certainly not impossible by a statute to simplify and make short and direct the procedure both at law and in equity in those courts. It is not impossible to cut down still more than it is cut down the jurisdiction of the supreme court so as to confine it almost wholly to statutory and constitutional questions. Under the present statutes the equity and admiralty procedure in the federal courts is under the control of the supreme court, but in the pressure of business to which the court is subjected it is impossible to hope that a radical and proper reform of the federal equity procedure can be brought about. I therefore recommend legislation providing for the appointment by the president of a commission with authority to examine the law and equity procedure of the federal courts of first instance, the law of appeals from those courts to the courts of appeals and to the supreme court and the costs imposed in such procedure upon the private litigants and upon the public treasury and make recommendation with a view to simplifying and expediting the procedure as far as possible and making it as inexpensive as may be to the litigant of little means.

The platform of the successful party in the last election contained the following:

"The Republican party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts, state and federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in the federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing thereafter should be granted."

I recommend that in compliance with the promise thus made appropriate legislation be adopted. The ends of justice will best be met and the chief cause of complaint against the considered injunctions without notice will be removed by the enactment of a statute forbidding hereafter the issuing of any injunction or restraining order, whether temporary or permanent, by any federal court without previous notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the delay necessary to give such notice and hearing would result in irreparable injury to the complainant and unless also the court shall from the evidence make a written finding, which shall be spread upon the court minutes, that immediate and irreparable injury is likely to ensue to the complainant and shall define the injury, state why it is irreparable and shall also indorse on the order issued the date and the hour of the issuance of the order. Moreover, every such injunction or restraining order issued without previous notice and opportunity to be heard should be heard should by force of the statute expire and be of no effect after seven days from the issuance thereof or within any time less than that period which the court may fix unless within such seven days or such less period the injunction or order is extended or renewed after previous notice and opportunity to be heard.

My judgment is that the passage of such an act, which really embodies the best practices in equity and is very like the rule now in force in some courts, will prevent the issuing of all advised orders of injunction without notice and will render such orders when issued much less objectionable by the short time in which they may remain effective.

Anti-trust and Interstate Commerce Laws.

The jurisdiction of the general government over interstate commerce has led to the passage of the so called "Sherman anti-trust law" and the "interstate commerce law" and its amendments. The developments in the operation of those laws as shown by judgments, trials, judicial decision and other sources of information, call for a discussion and some suggestions as to amendments. These I prefer to embody in a special message instead of including them in the present communication, and I shall avail myself of the first convenient opportunity to bring these subjects to the attention of congress.

Postoffice Department—Second Class Mail Matter.

The deficit every year in the postoffice department is largely caused by the low rate of postage of 1 cent a pound charged on second class mail matter, which includes not only newspapers, but magazines and miscellaneous periodicals. The actual loss growing out of the transmission of this second class mail matter at 1 cent a pound amounts to about \$63,000,000 a year. The average cost of the transportation of this matter is more than 6 cents a pound.

It appears that the average distance over which newspapers are delivered to their customers is 231 miles, while the average haul of magazines is 1,049 and of miscellaneous periodicals 1,123 miles. Thus the average haul of the magazine is three and one-half times and that of the miscellaneous periodical nearly four times the haul of the daily newspaper, yet all of them pay the same postage rate of 1 cent a pound. The statistics of 1907 show that second class mail matter constituted 63.91 per cent of the weight of all the mail and yielded only 5.10 per cent of the revenue. The figures given are startling and show the payment by the government of an enormous subsidy to the newspapers, magazines and periodicals, and congress may well consider whether radical steps should not be taken to reduce the deficit in the postoffice department caused by this discrepancy between the actual cost of transportation and the compensation exacted therefor.

A great saving might be made, amounting to much more than half of the loss, by imposing upon magazines and periodicals a higher rate of postage. They are much heavier than newspapers and contain a much higher proportion of advertising to reading matter, and the average distance of their transportation is three and a half times as great. The total deficit for the last fiscal year in the postoffice department amounted to \$17,500,000. The branches of its business which it did at a loss were the second class mail service, in which the loss, as already said, was \$63,000,000, and the free rural delivery, in which the loss was \$28,000,000. These losses were in part offset by the profits of letter postage and other sources of income. It would seem wise to reduce the loss upon second class mail matter, at least to the extent of preventing a deficit in the total operations of the postoffice.

I commend the whole subject to congress, not unmindful of the spread of intelligence which a low charge for carrying newspapers and periodicals assists. I very much doubt, however, the wisdom of a policy which constitutes so large a subsidy and requires additional taxation to meet it.

Postal Savings Banks.

The second subject worthy of mention in the postoffice department is the real necessity and entire practicability of establishing postal savings banks. The successful party at the last election declared in favor of postal savings banks, and, although the proposition finds opponents in many parts of the country, I am convinced that the people desire such banks and am sure that when the banks are furnished they will be productive of the utmost good. The postal savings banks are not constituted for the purpose of creating competition with other banks. The rate of interest upon deposits to which they would be limited would be so small as to prevent their drawing deposits away from other banks.

I believe them to be necessary in order to offer a proper inducement to thrift and saving to a great many people of small means who do not now have banking facilities and to whom such a system would offer an opportunity for the accumulation of capital. They will furnish a satisfactory substitute, based on sound principle and actual successful trial in nearly all the countries of the world, for the system of government guaranty of deposits now being adopted in several western states which, with deference to those who advocate it, seems to me to have in it the seeds of demoralization to conservative banking and certain financial disaster.

The question of how the money deposited in postal savings banks shall be invested is not free from difficulty, but I believe that a satisfactory provision for this purpose was inserted as an amendment to the bill considered by the senate at its last session. It has been proposed to delay the consideration of legislation establishing a postal savings bank until after the report of the monetary commission. This report is likely to be delayed, and properly so, because of the necessity for careful deliberation and close investigation. I do not see why the one should be tied up with the other. It is understood that the monetary commission have looked into the systems of banking which now prevail abroad and have found that by a control there exercised in respect to reserves and the rates of exchange by some central authority panics are avoided. It is not apparent that a system of postal savings banks would in any way interfere with a change to such a system here. Certainly in most of the countries in Europe, where control is thus exercised by a central authority, postal savings banks exist and are not thought to be inconsistent with a proper financial and banking system.

Ship Subsidy.

Following the course of my distinguished predecessor, I earnestly recommend to congress the consideration and passage of a ship subsidy bill looking to the establishment of lines between our Atlantic seaboard and the eastern coast of South America as well as lines from the west coast of the United States to South America, China, Japan and the Philippines. The profits on foreign mails are perhaps a sufficient measure of the expenditures which might first be tentatively applied to this method of inducing American capital to undertake the establishment of American lines of steamships in those directions in which we now feel it most important that we should have means of transportation controlled in the interest of the expansion of our trade. A bill of this character has once passed the house and more than once passed the senate, and I hope that at this session a bill framed

on the same lines and with the same purposes may become a law. Interior Department—New Mexico and Arizona.

The successful party in the last election in its national platform declared in favor of the admission as separate states of New Mexico and Arizona, and I recommend that legislation appropriate to this end be adopted. I urge, however, that care be exercised in the preparation of the legislation affecting each territory to secure deliberation in the selection of persons as members of the convention to draft a constitution for the incoming state, and I earnestly advise that such constitution after adoption by the convention shall be submitted to the people of the territory for their approval at an election in which the sole issue shall be the merits of the proposed constitution, and if the constitution is defeated by popular vote means shall be provided in the enabling act for a new convention and the drafting of a new constitution. I think it vital that the issue as to the merits of the constitution should not be mixed up with the selection of state officers and that no election of state officers should be had until after the constitution has been fully approved and finally settled upon.

Alaska.

With respect to the territory of Alaska, I recommend legislation which shall provide for the appointment by the president of a governor and also of an executive council, the members of which shall during their term of office reside in the territory and which shall have legislative powers sufficient to enable it to give to the territory local laws adapted to its present growth. I strongly deprecate legislation looking to the election of a territorial legislature in that vast district. The lack of permanence of residence of a large part of the present population and the small number of the people who either permanently or temporarily reside in the district as compared with its vast expanse and the variety of the interests that have to be subserved make it altogether unadvisable, in my judgment, to provide for a popular election of a legislative body. The present system is not adequate and does not furnish the character of local control that ought to be there. The only compromise it seems to me which may give needed local legislation and secure a conservative government is the one I propose.

Conservation of Natural Resources.

In several departments there is presented the necessity for legislation looking to the further conservation of our national resources, and the subject is one of such importance as to require a more detailed and extended discussion than can be entered upon in this communication. For that reason I shall take an early opportunity to send a special message to congress on the subject of the improvement of our waterways, upon the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semiarid and swamp lands, upon the preservation of our forests and the reforesting of suitable areas, upon the reclassification of the public domain with a view of separating from agricultural settlement mineral, coal and phosphate lands and sites belonging to the government bordering on streams suitable for the utilization of water power.

Department of Agriculture.

I commend to your careful consideration the report of the secretary of agriculture as showing the immense sphere of usefulness which that department now fills and the wonderful addition to the wealth of the nation made by the farmers of this country in the crops of the current year.

Department of Commerce and Labor.

The Lighthouse Board. The lighthouse board now discharges its duties under the department of commerce and labor. For upward of forty years this board has been constituted of military and naval officers and two or three men of science, with such an absence of a duly constituted executive head that it is marvelous what work has been accomplished. In the period of construction the energy and enthusiasm of all the members prevented the inherent defects of the system from interfering greatly with the beneficial work of the board, but now that the work is chiefly confined to maintenance and repair, for which purpose the country is divided into sixteen districts, to which are assigned an engineer officer of the army and an inspector of the navy, each with a lighthouse tender and the needed plant for his work, it has become apparent by the frequent friction that arises, due to the absence of any central independent authority, that there must be a complete reorganization of the board. I concede the advantage of keeping in the system the rigidity of discipline that the presence of naval and military officers in charge insures, but unless the presence of such officers in the board can be made consistent with a responsible executive head that shall have proper authority I recommend the transfer of control over the lighthouses to a suitable civilian bureau. This is in accordance with the judgment of competent persons who are familiar with the workings of the present system. I am confident that a reorganization can be effected which shall avoid the recurrence of friction between members, instances of which have been officially brought to my attention, and that by such reorganization greater efficiency and a substantial reduction in the expense of operation can be brought about.

Consolidation of Bureaus.

I request congressional authority to enable the secretary of commerce and labor to unite the bureaus of manufactures and statistics. This was recommended by a competent committee appointed in the previous administration for the purpose of suggesting

changes in the interest of economy and efficiency and is requested by the secretary.

The White Slave Trade.

I greatly regret to have to say that the investigation made in the bureau of immigration and other sources of information lead to the view that there is urgent necessity for additional legislation and greater executive activity to suppress the recruiting of the ranks of prostitutes from the streams of immigration into this country—an evil which, for want of a better name, has been called "the white slave trade." I believe it to be constitutional to forbid under penalty the transportation of persons for purposes of prostitution across national and state lines, and by appropriating a fund of \$50,000 to be used by the secretary of commerce and labor for the employment of special inspectors it will be possible to bring those responsible for this trade to indictment and conviction under a federal law.

Bureau of Health.

For a very considerable period a movement has been gathering strength, especially among the members of the medical profession, in favor of a concentration of the instruments of the national government which have to do with the promotion of public health. The work of the United States civil service commission has been performed to the general satisfaction of the executive officers with whom the commission has been brought into official communication. The volume of that work and its variety and extent have under new laws, such as the census act and new executive orders, greatly increased. The activities of the commission required by the statutes have reached to every portion of the public domain.

The accommodations of the commission are most inadequate for its needs. I call your attention to its request for increase in those accommodations, as will appear from the annual report for this year.

Political Contributions.

I urgently recommend to congress that a law be passed requiring that candidates in elections of members of the house of representatives and committees in charge of their candidacy and campaign file in a proper office of the United States government a statement of the contributions received and of the expenditures incurred in the campaign for such elections and that similar legislation be enacted in respect to all other elections which are constitutionally within the control of congress.

Semicentennial of Negro Freedom.

The year 1913 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the emancipation proclamation granting freedom to the negroes. It seems fitting that this event should be properly celebrated. Already a movement has been started by prominent negroes, encouraged by prominent white people and the press. The south especially is manifesting its interest in this movement.

It is suggested that a proper form of celebration would be an exposition to show the progress the negroes have made, not only during their period of freedom, but also from the time of their coming to this country.

I heartily indorse this proposal and request that the executive be authorized to appoint a preliminary commission of not more than seven persons to consider carefully whether or not it is wise to hold such an exposition, and if so to outline a plan for the enterprise. I further recommend that such preliminary commission serve without salary, except as to their actual expenses, and that an appropriation be made to meet such expenses.

Conclusion.

I have thus, in a message compressed as much as the subjects will permit, referred to many of the legislative needs of the country, with the exceptions already noted. Speaking generally, the country is in a high state of prosperity. There is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion, and we have just garnered a harvest unexampled in the market value of our agricultural products. The high prices which such products bring mean great prosperity for the farming community; but, on the other hand, they mean a very considerably increased burden upon those classes in the community whose yearly compensation does not expand with the improvement in business and the general prosperity. Various reasons are given for the high prices. The proportionate increase in the output of gold, which today is the chief medium of exchange and is in some respects a measure of value, furnishes a substantial explanation of at least part of the increase in prices. The increase in population and the more expensive mode of living of the people, which have not been accompanied by a proportionate increase in acreage production, may furnish a further reason. It is well to note that the increase in the cost of living is not confined to this country, but prevails the world over, and that those who would charge increases in prices to the existing protective tariff must meet the fact that the rise in prices has taken place almost wholly in those products of the factory and farm in respect to which there has been either no increase in the tariff or in many instances a very considerable reduction.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

The White House, Dec. 7, 1909.

The Other Side.

Hank Stubbs—I fixed one of my men air agent fellows today. Biga Miller—How so? Hank Stubbs—Waal, he come sneakin' up to my front door an' ask me of the lady up the house was in, an' I said no, but the gentleman up the barn an' his stable is.—Boston Herald.

GREAT INCREASE In Internal Commerce During Month of October

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The enlarging volume of internal commerce during October is illustrated by the reports to the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor of leading commercial movements in various parts of the country. The improved industrial situation is manifested principally in the very heavy movements of coke and iron ore, demanded by the iron furnaces. The sight and port receipts of cotton, notwithstanding the shorter crop of the year, exceeded like receipts for the first 2 months of the two preceding seasons. The movements of hard and soft coal likewise show an increased volume. The grain movement of the month proved fairly heavy, while the receipts of live stock at interior and eastern markets, mainly because of the shortage in the supply of hogs, were rather light. The traffic activity of the railways, as indicated by the number of cars handled by the various demurrage bureaus, shows a continuous improvement.

Live stock receipts during October at seven leading interior markets, 4,662,236 head, were below those reported for October, 1908 and 1907—4,074,565 and 4,121,805 head. Of the total receipts for the month 1,150,611 head were cattle, 103,622 calves, 1,773,159 hogs, 1,522,903 sheep, and 21,941 horses and mules. As compared with the corresponding figures for the preceding year, a decrease of almost 30 per cent is shown in the monthly receipts of hogs, while the number of sheep received shows a more than corresponding increase over the October, 1908, total. The aggregate live stock receipts for the 10 months of the year, 32,563,100 head, are likewise below the corresponding totals for the two preceding years. The number of sheep received exclusively by the heavy shrinkage in the receipts of hogs at all the principal packing-house centers. The number of live-stock car arrivals at the seven primary markets is stated as 575,221 for the 10 months period compared with 606,974 and 648,659 cars for the same period in 1908 and 1907.

Shipments during the month of packing-house products from Chicago, 196,846,971 pounds, likewise show a considerable decline from the figures reported for October, 1908 and 1907—238,455,186 and 240,428,438 pounds. Smaller shipments appear under the head of beef, cured and canned meats, lard, tallow and tallow, the only increase being shown in the monthly shipments of pickled beef. The shipments for the ten months of the year, 1,753,365,108 pounds, show a similar decline from the figures reported for the corresponding months of 1908 and 1907. The figures for the 43 weeks of the year, 787,247 net tons, indicate a decrease of over 16 per cent in this movement. The stocks of meat at five principal packing centers at the end of the month, 99,473,276 pounds, were almost 50 per cent below those reported two years ago, and over 30 million pounds less than a year ago.

Live-stock receipts at the four principal Atlantic seaboard cities, 851,150 head, show a considerable decline as compared with the corresponding October, 1908, figures of 928,573 head. This decline was due mainly to a decrease of over 50,000 head in the receipts of hogs, also to a shortage in the arrivals

of sheep, only partly compensated by the larger number of cattle and calves received during the month. The receipts of these markets during the ten months of the year, 7,701,642 head, were likewise below the corresponding 1908 figure of 8,074,471 head. The decrease in the receipts of hogs alone amounted to over 14 per cent as compared with the corresponding 1908 total.

The grain movement during the month, as measured by the receipts at 14 leading interior markets, 98,110,333 bushels, compares favorably with corresponding October figures for 1908 and 1907 when 85,524,220 and 98,700,193 bushels were received at the same markets. Of the total receipts 45,660,395 bushels were wheat, 13,476,306 corn, 21,768,605 oats, 13,068,441 barley, and 1,236,586 rye. Wheat, corn, barley and rye show larger figures than a year ago, while the receipts of oats show a slight diminution. The total does not include the receipts of flaxseed for the month at six leading markets, 5,792,224 bushels, which figure shows a considerable shrinkage when compared with corresponding totals in the two preceding years. The combined receipts at the same markets for the two months of the present crop season, 192,210,180 bushels, show a practically stationary condition of the grain movement as compared with the corresponding figures of the two earlier years. This is particularly true of the wheat receipts, 51,933,435 bushels, which show practically the same total as a year ago. The monthly flour shipments from 13 leading milling centers, 5,471,419 barrels show a normal increase over the corresponding figures of the two preceding years.

Combined flour and grain receipts during the month at the four leading Atlantic seaports, 24,594,156 bushels, were over a million bushels short of the corresponding 1908 receipts. The monthly wheat receipts at these ports, 10,166,567 bushels, owing to the small receipts at New York and Philadelphia, were below the corresponding 1908 figures of 10,431,382 bushels. The monthly corn receipts, 1,488,448 bushels, on the other hand, were considerably in excess of the October receipts for the last year, while the monthly receipts of flour, 1,521,770 barrels, show a small decline from the corresponding 1908 figures. The aggregate grain receipts for the 10 months of the year, 131,227,563 bushels, show a considerable decline when compared with the corresponding 1908 and 1907 figures of 156,207,289 and 203,703,647 bushels, practically all of which is due to the lower receipts of wheat. The receipts of the other grain crops for the 10 months of the year are also below the corresponding figures of the two preceding years. The decline in the receipts is due mainly to the smaller export demand for the various grains at the ports in question.

The monthly coastwise receipts of southern pine lumber, 41,580,654 feet, compare favorably both with the September receipts, as well as the October, 1908 and 1907, receipts of the article. Lumber receipts at Boston during the month from all sources, 28,458,118 feet, show a similar gain over the figures for the preceding year, as well as for the preceding month. Losses, as compared with the corresponding month, 1908 total and the figure for the preceding month, are shown in the October shipments of pine lumber from the Mississippi and Wisconsin valleys, 111,335 M feet, and from Virginia and the Carolinas, 18,453,166 feet. The October lumber shipments to New York, 115 M feet, while below the September shipments, show an excess of almost 15 million feet over the October shipments of a year ago. The monthly receipts of redwood at California ports, 34,886,258 feet, represent the largest monthly total for the year, exceeding the two previous months, October, 1908, total. The pine and fir receipts at the same points, 94,197,006 feet, also show a gain over the September figures and differ but little from the corresponding October, 1908, total.

Sight receipts of cotton for the first two months of the season, 3,801,202 bales, exceeded both the corresponding cotton movement in 1907 and 1908, when the sight receipts amounted to 2,689,634 and 3,751,612 bales. The extraordinarily heavy movement is due to the large port receipts, 2,879,971 bales, which likewise exceeded the corresponding figures for the two preceding seasons. The takings of American spinners for the two months, 818,515 bales, were much below the corresponding 1908 record of 928,845 bales, the loss being due to the smaller quantities taken by northern mills. The total American stocks at the end of the month, 1,776,898 bales, were above the figures reported for corresponding dates in the two previous years. The United States census office reports the quantity of cotton gained from the growth of 1909 to November 14, as 8,199,747 bales for the present season, compared with 9,595,809 and 13,000,665 bales gained to November 14 in 1908 and 1907.

Wool receipts during the month at Boston, 21,866,450 pounds, show a further decline from the heavy totals recorded for the summer months of the year, though being about 30 per cent in excess of the October, 1908, receipts. The figures for the 10 months of the year, 218,322,335 pounds, were only 60 per cent in excess of the corresponding 1908 receipts.

The October shipments of anthracite coal from eastern producing territory, 5,579,759 gross tons, mark a large decrease over the light shipments of the summer months, though falling about 400,000 tons short of the corresponding monthly movements in the two preceding years. The 10 months' figures, 50,166,547 gross tons, are about 2.8 million tons below the 1908 total. The coastwise shipments of coal from five leading Atlantic seaports during October aggregated 3,614,884 gross tons, compared with 3,567,717 gross tons reported for October, 1908. The 10 months' coastwise coal shipments aggregated 33,646,842 gross tons, of which 12,546,824 gross tons were anthracite. The monthly shipments of bituminous coal over eight leading coal-carrying railroads, 8,325,835 tons, show a gain of almost half a million tons over October, 1908, figures, while the movement for the ten months of the year, 82,274,189 tons, was almost 10 per cent heavier than for the same period last year. The monthly coal movement over the same roads, 2,517,078 tons, was almost 70 per cent in excess of the October, 1908, movement, while

SENATOR WHO DECLINED LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS



WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Ill health has forced Senator Culberson of Texas to relinquish the leadership of the minority in the senate, and it is asserted that either Senator Daniel or Senator Bacon will succeed him. Senator Money of Mississippi is said to have declined the honor because of the fact that his term is nearing an end. Senator Culberson announced his intention

of giving up the leadership in a letter to Senator Money, and it was his hope that the Mississippi senator would take the party reins in the senate. The Texas statesman announced in his letter that the prospect of too much arduous work during the present session and the condition of his health would not permit him to longer retain the chairmanship of his party's caucus.

The coke shipments for the ten months of the year show a gain of nearly 10 per cent over the corresponding figures of the preceding year. The larger demand for smelting material by the iron furnaces of the country is also indicated by the unusually heavy iron-ore shipments from Lake Superior and Michigan basins, 4,496,092 gross tons, which were about 35 per cent in excess of the October, 1908, shipments. Pig-iron production for the month, 2,592,516 gross tons, was more than a million tons above the October, 1908, output and far in excess of the high-level figures for the busiest months in 1907. As the months of November and December in 1907 marked a considerable decline in the activity of the furnaces, it is probable that the annual figures for the current year, provided the present rate of output is kept up, will come very close to the record figure of the 1907 annual production.

Building operations for the month at 105 cities in various parts of the country, as measured by the value of the building permits granted by municipal authorities, aggregated \$64,847,388, which figure compares favorably with the record of the preceding month, as well as of the corresponding month in 1908.

The traffic movement of the railroads for the month, as measured by

HER BABY BOY A MASS OF ERUPTION

Pimples Rash Spread Until Head, Face and Body were Covered with Eczema—Hands Bandaged to Keep from Scratching—Was a Fearful Sight and Defied Cure.

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"My baby's eczema came on when he was three months old, like a rash on his face and then spread over his head. Then there began to form a lot of small pimples over his head from which a watery substance came out and formed regular masses of crust all over his head and body. I had to tie the woolen cloth on his hands to keep him from scratching himself. He was a fearful sight to look at. I went to a drug store and tried some of their remedies for eczema, but they did not do him any good. I then called in one of our leading physicians and he tried several kinds of medicine and gave me prescriptions, but they only made him worse.

At this stage a lady friend of mine came in and advised me to try the Cuticura Remedies. That afternoon I sent for a cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment and one of Cuticura Pills, and in less than a week I could see a vast improvement in him. I washed him all over every morning with the Cuticura Soap and gave him an application of the Cuticura Ointment after his bath. I kept on using the Cuticura Remedies until he was completely cured. They left his skin clear and healthy and he always keeps the Cuticura Remedies in the house ever since. I highly recommend Cuticura to all persons suffering from eczema. Mrs. Kate Bragg, 200 Downey St., Bennington, Vt., Dec. 5, 1908 and Jan. 17, 1909."

PIMPLES CURED

"I congratulate Cuticura upon my speedy recovery from pimples which covered my face. I used Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Remedy for ten days and my face cleared and I am perfectly well. I had tried doctors for several months but got no result. Wm. J. Sneller, 1614 Sunnyside Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 1909."

the number of freight cars handled by 33 car service associations and demurrage bureaus, 3,244,155 cars, continues to show gains over the figures of the earlier months of the year, as well as the corresponding 1907 totals. The number of cars handled by these associations during the 10 months of the present year, 26,704,721 cars, was 13 per cent larger than the corresponding number in 1908 and even in excess of the corresponding number two years ago.

CHALLENGE
Prof. Charles H. Glidden, the local pool expert, wishes to challenge Myron Saunders or Tom Alton to a 25 or 50 point game to be played in this city between now and Christmas.

SULZER'S BILL

Calls for Arrest of Pres. Zelaya

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Representative Sulzer of New York, introduced a resolution yesterday directing the president of the United States to use the army and navy of the country to restore order, maintaining peace and protect life and property in Nicaragua. The resolution recites that the United States demand the arrest, trial and punishment of President Zelaya of Nicaragua for the wilful murder of citizens, an apology from Nicaragua and reparation.

IS NOT "EXCLUSIVE"
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The neighborhood in which J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., and other multi-millionaires live, is no longer deemed "exclusive" by the courts. Commercial interests have already so far encroached on its confines that Mr. Morgan and others, who sought to enjoin the erection of a sixteen-story office building, were denied their application yesterday by Referee Charles F. Brown, who had been appointed to the case by the supreme court.

Mr. Morgan and his associates contended that an office building in their neighborhood would greatly depreciate the value of their property. Certain clauses in the original deeds of the property, they held, confirmed their contention.

PRES. THOMPSON'S STATEMENT
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—A statement was issued last night by President W. B. Thompson of the New Orleans cotton exchange, taking exception to certain statements published yesterday in Washington concerning the publication of the report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith. It is declared that the report does not condemn future trading as such, nor as it is conducted on the New Orleans cotton exchange.

That the New York system of "fixed differences" is condemned, and that the New Orleans system of "commercial differences" is not condemned is one of the principal allegations of President Thompson's statement.

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A BRAVE SAILOR Rescued His Mates From a Wrecked Schooner

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Swimming 500 yards through the breakers, hurled on the shores of Turks Island by the recent disastrous West Indian hurricane, Robert Bonenfant, a French-Canadian sailor, carried ashore a rope from the wrecked British schooner Alexandra, over which Captain L. Pothier and four others of the crew reached safely, according to the story told last night by Captain Pothier, who reached here yesterday with his crew on the steamer Boston from Jamaica.

The Alexandra was wrecked at Cockburn harbor, Turks Island, in the height of the recent hurricane. Caught on a lee shore two big cables parted like strings and when an effort was made to claw off the nearby reef with sniply reefed sails the canvas was torn to tatters.

The vessel was then swept onto a reef 500 yards from shore where the huge combers and the jagged coral made quick work of the schooner.

There seemed little likelihood that any of the crew could reach shore alive through the terrific breakers when the schooner broke up, but Bonenfant, wiry and of tremendous endurance, tied a rope about his waist and with reckless abandon dived overboard. Dozens of times he disappeared in the huge seas and then his dark form was seen for an instant in the white tumult of the breakers. Bonenfant was overwhelmed but by superhuman efforts reached the beach. After recovering his breath he fastened the line to a tree and over it his comrades reached shore safely. Through a heavy rain and without food the men remained all night and until they were seen by some of the natives of the place the next afternoon. The spot where the men landed was one of the narrow bays girding the island, but some of the natives managed to get to the leeward and take the men off.

The Alexandra was a total wreck. She was a tern schooner of 118 tons and was owned by T. C. Wright of Weymouth Bridge. She was launched in 1901.

IN SWITZERLAND PEOPLE ARE ADVANCED IN PRACTICE OF FORESTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Switzerland recognized the benefits of forest protection and development 600 years ago when the forest ordinance of Bern was issued. The Silvwald of Zurich, one of the most perfectly managed and most profitable forests in the world, has been handled under a working plan since 1680. The little Alpine republic still reports progress in forest work, and the American congressional writing from St. Gall says:

"The government of Switzerland has so carefully regulated the timber output that it has never been permitted to exceed the natural growth. The thick growth of timber on the mountain sides, purposely allowed to become dense, has perceptibly lessened the danger and frequency of avalanches and landslides, which in former times were so frightfully destructive. To control the spring floods in the rivers, the government has erected dams, fortified by thickly planted trees, have been erected at exposed places. In the extraordinary attention paid to its timber lands the government has taken into account also the necessity for sheltering and pasturing cattle, the conservation of the soil, the climate, and the natural springs, climatic, and the control of mountain streams.

"The actual forest area of Switzerland comprises 2,205,508 acres, 21.48 per cent of the entire surface of the country, 77,004 of which belong to the state and 2,128,504 to the cantons, cities, municipalities, and private corporations. Seven hundred and eighty-one acres of the state forest are set aside as a nursery. From this nursery in 1908 over 22,000 young trees were taken and transplanted in the various forests.

"Swiss forests are classed as 'protected' and 'non-protected.' The former are those which are situated on mountain slopes where the imminence of washouts, stone and ice chutes, landslides and avalanches calls for the constant exercise of extraordinary care and attention. 'Non-protected' are those on comparatively level ground requiring only ordinary attention to keep them in good condition. Because of the character of the country, the great majority of the forests are 'protected.' The law provides that the forest area shall not be diminished and that all forests shall be maintained in a fairly dense condition. Even in private forests close cutting or clearing up is strictly forbidden, especially in exposed places, without the consent of the federal authorities, and then only in small areas and when prompt reforestation is guaranteed. Trees for cutting are carefully selected by forestry experts.

"Through the forests there are excellent roads, made largely by the cantonal authorities. The year 1908 was marked by such activity in road construction that the state, which bears a proportion of the expense, paid to the cantons the sum of \$45,624.00 on their account alone.

"Spruce is the most important tree in the Swiss forests, and then in order of their importance come the white fir, beech, larch, pine, cypress, and a few others.

"The principal revenue derived from the Swiss forests is from the lumber output; there being no manufactures of resin, turpentine, and similar by-products. To offset the cutting there were planted in 1908 35,096,225 trees, of which 19,051,590 were conifer and 16,044,635 deciduous, and no less than seven tons of seed were sown.

"Statistics of the receipts and expenditures of all forestry work in the country are not available, but a couple of cases may be cited which show gratifying returns. The total receipts from the sale of wood in 1908 from 241 acres of state forests in the canton of St. Gall are given as \$24,457.37 and the expenditures as \$7,104.81, leaving a clear profit of \$17,352.56. In the forests of the town of Winterthur, amounting to 2834 acres, the receipts were \$31,744.63 and the expenses \$21,634.50, leaving a net profit of \$10,110.13, or an average profit of about \$10.42 per acre.

"It is not to be presumed that the revenue from the entire Swiss forest area can be approximated by taking as a basis the earnings of the St. Gall or Winterthur forests, which have been for many years under most intelligent and excellent management but the universal opinion among forestry officials is that the jealous care with which the Swiss timber lands have been guarded has vastly benefited both national and cantonal treasuries from the financial point of view."

BURNED TO DEATH

Woman Perished in Wt. Brookfield

WEST BROOKFIELD, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Lucy Leary, aged 85, was burned to death at her home in the Itagard hill district of the town about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Leary, who had been in feeble health, was alone in the house at the time. Her son, George Leary, being away at a sawmill two miles away. The fire was discovered by woodchoppers a mile off, but when they reached the house it had fallen in. An alarm was also given in the village, but the apparatus arrived too late to be of assistance and the house, a one and a half-story structure, was totally destroyed. The monetary loss does not exceed \$1000, partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire cannot be ascertained.

Mrs. Leary was a native of county Cork, Ireland, but had been a resident of West Brookfield for more than 60 years and was widely known and highly respected. Since the death of her husband 25 years ago she had lived with her son. She also had a daughter in Bridgeport, Conn.

MR. CUMMINGS WILL RETIRE
BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The conference of Matthew Cummings' friends, which was to have been held last night, was postponed to Thursday evening. His campaign prospects for the mayoralty are not encouraging. It is believed

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Over the Will of a Millionaire

ATTLEBORO, Dec. 7.—Miss Almada E. Winters of Briggs corner, Attleboro, is a distant relative of John Masterston Burke of New York, the millionaire who died last week and who was widely known as the founder of the Winifred Materson Burke relief association.

The funeral of Mr. Burke took place yesterday and Miss Winters is awaiting with interest the reading of his will. He was 96 years of age and was never married. Some years ago he turned his estate, said to be valued at \$4,000,000, into a trust fund for the Burke relief association, but there was a provision that he was to enjoy the income until his death.

Two years ago the heirs, including Miss Winters of Attleboro, petitioned the New York courts to have him adjudged incapable of attending to his affairs, as he was feeble and scarcely recognized those about him. The petition was dismissed by Justice Scott. A commission had been previously appointed to change the provisions by which the immense fortune was turned into a trust fund, but their efforts were not successful.

Miss Winters said last night that the will will probably be contested. The heirs have placed their affairs in the hands of attorneys and at the proper time legal steps will be taken if the will is not satisfactory.

COMMANDER PEARY'S STORY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Commander Peary told again last night the story of his discovery of the North pole, in a lecture before the American Geographical society.

Many of the pictures shown of the hardships endured after the start from Cape Sheridan were applauded. The last camp before the final stand at the pole showed the party making tea by converting ice and snow into boiling water on cylindrical alcohol stoves.

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Middlesex North Held Annual Session in Dracut

The public winter meeting of the state board of agriculture for lectures and discussions, opened at Grange hall, Dracut Centre, this forenoon, and will continue today, tomorrow and Thursday.

This meeting is of great interest to the big farmer as well as the market gardener and before the noon hour today the hall was well filled. Lowell and all of the surrounding towns were represented.

These meetings have been held every year from the beginning of the work of the state board, and were the first instances in this state of vocational instruction outside of educational institutions. The state board holds this

meeting as the result of an invitation extended by the Middlesex North society last winter.

J. Lewis Ellsworth, secretary of the state board of agriculture, called to order and introduced Rep.-elect George H. Stevens, who gave the address of welcome. Mr. Stevens said many nice things about the Middlesex North and paid high tribute to the memory of the late Arthur H. Clever, who was president of the Middlesex North society. Mr. Stevens spoke of the educational side of the society, and said that the good it was doing would be made more manifest in years to come.

Response to Mr. Stevens' words of welcome was made by Mr. John Bursley, second vice president of the state board. Mr. Bursley spoke somewhat

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CIVIC CONGRESS AT MACHINE SHOP

To Open in New York Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The committee of arrangements of the American alliance met yesterday in the offices of the organization, 507 Fifth avenue, to make plans for the first national convention of the body in this city this week.

The alliance some months ago sent invitations to all civic and other organizations interested in the public welfare to send representatives.

The congress was called to device means for co-ordinating the numerous civic activities throughout the country, and to consider a more effective method for the study and solution of fundamental political problems. L. Lafayette-Savoy is president of the alliance, Henry Clews is treasurer, Henry Frank, secretary general, and Charles A. Hale, secretary.

Many men prominent in civic work will attend. The work will be started on Wednesday evening with a meeting of delegates in the Hotel Astor. This meeting will not be open to the public.

Many governors of states, it was said yesterday, have sent representatives.

On Friday night it is planned to have a mass meeting in Carnegie hall, to which the public will be admitted by ticket.

On Saturday evening at 6 o'clock there will be a reception to the visiting delegates at the Hotel Astor. This list of speakers, announced for the Cooper Union meeting is as follows:

Augustus O. Bourn, ex-governor of Rhode Island; Wm. A. Shannlin, president of Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn.; Hamlin Garland, Edwin Warfield, ex-governor of Maryland; Henry Clews, N. Lafayette-Savoy, Eliot J. Arnold, civil engineer, Illinois; Prof. W. R. Smith, of Tulane university, Louisiana; Edwin Markham, H. Clay Evans of Tennessee; Chase S. Osborn, regent of the University of Michigan; George E. Barstow, president of the Irrigation congress; J. S. Appel, personal representative of the governor of Colorado; David A. Boddy, ex-mayor of Brooklyn; Dr. E. D. Warfield, president of Lafayette college, and Dr. W. S. Scarborough, president of Wilberforce university.

Would the Teams Have Done So Well

If the workers had been troubled with sour stomach, heartburn, nausea, or indigestion caused by indigestion? Of course not. No man can do his best when he is not physically at his best. Sufferers from indigestion will be greatly interested in the displays of Dyspeptics in the windows of Dows, Carter & Shurburne's and the Tower's Corner drug store. They show in what sizes these remarkably effective digestive tablets are put up, and are attractive enough to attract attention. Dyspeptics act with a promptness that is really wonderful, and are highly praised by all users.

EYES EXAMINED

Glasses furnished. Prescriptions filled. Glasses repaired. Best in Lowell. Canwell Optical Co. 11 Bridge st.

Boomed Candidacy of Meehan and Democratic Ticket

Rousing Speeches by Defeated Aspirants for the Nomination — Hon. James B. Casey and Candidate Meehan — The Mayor's Official Acts Criticized — His Claim of Having Reduced the Tax Rate Refuted — Mr. Meehan Pledged Only to the Best Interests of Lowell

The democratic rally held last evening in Associate hall outlived anything of a political nature ever held in Lowell since the days of the lamented Butler, of undying memory, when Lowellians without regard to party turned out to do him honor. Not since Butler's time has such a great gathering assembled under one roof at a political meeting nor has there been such unanimity of feeling nor such genuine and general enthusiasm as was evidenced for over two hours last evening. Each defeated candidate received an equal and a pronounced meed of applause, while the climax was reached when the standard bearer of the party, John F. Meehan, was introduced. The enthusiasm was infectious and many republicans present found themselves cheering with their democratic brethren as the different speakers set forth their salient points.

No band, nor flaming torches were needed to drum up the crowd and when the speakers arrived at the hall every seat and every available inch of standing room were taken while the ante-rooms near the stage were also crowded.

"It reminded me of the Butler campaign," remarked an elderly man as he left the hall, referring to the size of the audience.

Throughout the evening with every clique and faction of the democratic party represented both on the platform and in the audience not one discordant note was heard and for once in a long time a thoroughly united party greeted its leader.

Ex-Mayor Casey hit the nail on the head when he said: "On next Tuesday there will be no majority and no minority of the democratic party but one united party."

The speakers assembled in the reception room and amid great applause marched to the stage at 8 o'clock. Upon the stage were Thomas H. Kennedy, chairman of the democratic city committee; James F. Owens, who presided; John F. Meehan, Hon. James B. Casey, Major Robert J. Crowley, James E. O'Donnell, William E. Malone, James J. Dacey, Alderman Jeremiah Connors, T. A. D. Sullivan, Edward H. Foye, candidate for purchasing agent; Henry Drauer, John P. O'Hare, Murthy Lyons, ex-Councilman Patrick Welch and others. In the ante-rooms were the other aldermanic candidates — and many of the candidates for the common council.

Mr. Kennedy called to order and after expressing his pleasure at beholding such a fine attendance introduced the presiding officer, Mr. Owens.

James F. Owens, Chairman

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A GREAT BLAST

Took Place at the Ledge in Dracut Today

One of the most spectacular blasts seen in this vicinity for years took place this afternoon at the Poor Farm ledge when over 700 tons of rock, assisted by 100 pounds of dynamite, were blown out of the side of the ledge and scattered in different size pieces promiscuously about the ground.

While it was not the largest blast that has taken place at the ledge this year it is an important one in many respects. In the first place the rock blown out was of the finest quality, being devoid of seams and of the hardest kind of stone. It also marked the final blast of the season, for within a few days, as soon as the work in Fremont street is completed, the ledge will be closed until the spring.

The drilling holes and the preparation of the blast as well as the signal to fire, the charge off were done under the direction of William C. Gardner, who has charge of the ledge, and the only spectators besides the regular workmen, were Supt. Nowell P. Putnam of the street department and a representative of The Sun.

Thirty holes, each ten feet deep, had

been drilled in the solid rock and plugged with dynamite. The wires were chained together, were laid on top of the rock in order to keep it from flying into the street and damaging property in the vicinity.

About three o'clock Mr. Gardner gave the signal to fire and the man in charge of the storage battery "let her go." There was a muffled sound, similar to the sound of a thirteen inch gun heard at a distance, and fragments of rock accompanied by a dense smoke were hurled high in the air. After the smoke had disappeared it was seen that a frontage of some thirty or forty feet of stone had been blown out, the pieces varying in size from several tons down to small pieces which could easily be picked up in the hand.

Two extra large blocks of stone, each weighing several tons, were thrown for quite a distance from the ledge, while at the ledge for quite a distance back of where the blast had taken place, the rock was cracked and seemed so that the blast will be productive of about 1000 tons of stone in all.

KILLED HIMSELF

Man Made Several Attempts at Suicide

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Determined to make away with himself, Charles Scatter, a salesman out of employment, took three methods of suicide today before he succeeded in accomplishing his self-destructive work. Scatter lay on his cot at his home and tried to garrote himself with a towel. Unsuccessful, he slit his throat and wrists with a razor. Still death did not come and Scatter staggered to the bathroom and turned on the water in the tub. When the tub was half filled Scatter climbed in and lay face downward until he drowned.

POOL EXPERT

"SHAKESPEARE" IS IN TOWN AGAIN

Frank MacKervey, "Shakespeare," the world famous one-hand pool player, struck town today and tonight at Campbell's pool room in Merrimack square he takes on the Dyrnan Kid of Lawrence, the latter to make 150 balls with two hands to the cue, while "Shakespeare" makes 100 with one hand. After the exhibition "Shakespeare" will give an exhibition of fancy shots. On Friday evening he will appear against M. Gagnon, of Lewiston, Me., under similar conditions, while next Tuesday evening, election night, he will appear at the Central club against one of the members. On Saturday the 18th he appears before the Masonic club of Wrentham, Mass.

HARVARD DENTAL BUILDING

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—The new building of the Harvard dental school on Longwood avenue adjacent to the medical school was dedicated today with informal exercises.

More formal ceremonies will be held in Sanders theatre tomorrow afternoon.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

IN DIVORCE CASE

Charge of Conspiracy by New York Parties

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Auriel Batony, in a letter containing many evidences of eccentricity, has appealed to District Attorney Jerome to investigate the conditions under which Mrs. Burke-Roché recently obtained a divorce from him. The communication is a blanket charge of conspiracy against Frank K. Sturgis and relatives of his former wife, including her father, Frank Work.

Accompanying the 3000-word letter are copies of letters alleged to have passed between the lawyers on both sides, members of the family and himself.

Neither Mr. Work nor Mr. Sturgis would comment on this latest move made by Batony. Morris Cukor, who represented the "whip" in the last trial of the divorce action, and who has been looking after the \$500,000 damage suit brought jointly against Frank Sturgis, Frank Work, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt and James Henry Work, announced that he would probably withdraw from the case.

Among the papers exhibited is a copy of a communication addressed by Batony to the supreme court Justice Putney, which refers to the sensational answer filed in the first divorce suit when Batony was represented by Lawyer Edward A. Alexander, and which was withdrawn because the character of the document was offensive to the court. The letter in part says:

This is an exceptional case, and as I now stand practically without counsel, I beg herewith to state solemnly that both the taxicab and Central Park were woman charges against me are untrue. Witnesses, testifying in a circumstan-

cial way, told untruths before Judge O'Gorman and the jury.

Batony asserts he is not after money, and as evidence of good faith, made an assignment to the district attorney of his interest in any favorable verdict that may be rendered in the damage suit, requesting that after the 50 per cent contingent fee to his lawyer is paid, the remainder be given to the New York newspapers.

WM. C. PURCELL

Takes Office as Register Tomorrow

After tomorrow it will be William C. Purcell who will look after your deeds, etc., for the new register of deeds will take office tomorrow morning. He has received formal notification from the county commissioners to the effect that he had been elected. Some few days ago Mr. Purcell appeared at the office and was graciously received by Mr. Bacon, the retiring register, who introduced him to the members of the department and showed him the rooms.

Mr. Purcell is a native of Lowell and was educated in the city.

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We are giving a full size package of our Tooth Powder FREE with every purchase made this week of a 25c TOOTH BRUSH, and the brushes are guaranteed not to come out at that. Cut out and bring this coupon.

A. W. DOW & CO.

Leading Druggists
Cor. Merrimack and Central Sts.

EVERY ONE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

Push the Clock Along

The Lowell Electric Light Corp.
50 Central St.

6 O'CLOCK ELECTION DAY

Fourteen Bay State Cities Choosing Officials Today

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The voters in 14 out of 33 Massachusetts cities met today to adjust municipal affairs for 1910, most of them to select chief magistrates and city council and all to decide the question of the sale of intoxicating liquors after the first of next May.

The license question was a burning issue in Fall River, Gloucester, Marlboro and New Bedford, now "dry," and Fitchburg, Haverhill, Northampton and Taunton, now "wet," in all of which cities the sentiment has usually been very closely divided.

Of the other cities voting today, Brockton, Quincy and Waltham are now under no-license, and Lawrence, Pittsfield and Springfield under license.

VOTE IN SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 7.—As very little effort was made during the campaign to arouse interest, the election today was the quietest for many years. Mayor William Sanderson, a republican, is a candidate for a fourth term, and is opposed by Edward Lathrop, democrat, who was defeated last year. There was some effort on the part of the no-license workers to change the sentiment of the city regarding liquor selling.

AFTER THIRD TERM

QUINCY, Dec. 7.—There was considerable interest in the city election here today with Mayor Shea, democratic and city council candidate, seeking a third term and opposed by Walter Nichols, republican.

Very little effort was made to arouse interest in the no-license question as the city has never varied in its sentiment against liquor selling.

TAXATION AN ISSUE

WALTHAM, Dec. 7.—The inequalities of taxation, was the war cry by which Patrick J. Duane, a democrat, sought at the polls today to defeat Mayor Edward Walker, republican, who is seeking a third mayoralty term. The normal republican majority in the city is about 600, but Mr. Duane was elected to the legislature four terms in succession.

It was expected that the city would remain in the no-license column by the usual large majority.

A SPIRITED CAMPAIGN

FITCHBURG, Dec. 7.—The city election today followed a spirited campaign, Mayor O'Connell seeking a second term and being opposed by Gardner K. Hudson, citizen, who was defeated last year by a close vote. The liquor question was also prominent with the no-license advocates seeking to turn the city to the dry column.

NEW CITY CHARTER

TAUNTON, Dec. 7.—Two things combined to make Taunton's municipal election today unusually interesting. The election was the first held under the new city charter which provides for a single councilmanic chamber of nine members and a two year term of office for both councilmen and mayor. The other feature was the fight over the license question. Both the license and the no-license advocates have been conducting a campaign unparalleled locally for its intensity. At present Taunton is the only licensed community in Bristol county.

The majority contest is between Mayor Edward L. Heismann and William Woods.

THREE MAYORALTY CANDIDATES

BROCKTON, Dec. 7.—Fair weather, three mayoralty candidates and unusual interest in the municipal election brought out a vote of massive proportions here today. For the mayoralty, C. Chester Eaton, well known local politician was the republican candidate; former Alderman William H. Clifford was running on an independent ticket with democratic endorsement, while the socialist party was represented by Dana White. Mr. Clifford has been a candidate for five successive years, having previously been supported by socialists as well as independents. He has come near being elected on several occasions.

The no-license forces have been active and it is expected that the city will remain with the drys.

FARMER TEMPLE'S FIGHT

MARLBORO, Dec. 7.—The city election today had a picturesque feature in the ex-cant candidate of Theodore Temple, an independent and a farmer, who is opposed to the re-election of General Henry Parsons, the republican candidate for mayor. John J. Shaughnessy, a democrat who was defeated by Mayor Parsons last year, was again a candidate, while Ovid Laddie, a socialist, was also on the ticket.

There was also much interest in the license question, the city having been

LEBLANC CASE

Lawyers for Accused Will Offer No Defense

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 7.—No defense will be offered tomorrow at the hearing in Waltham on the charge of murder against Battle Le Blanc for shooting Clarence Glover on November 20th. Miss Le Blanc was accused of the shooting by Glover just before he died but the young woman who was a maid in the Glover house, denies it was responsible for the murder.

although admitting that she met Glover at his place of business on the night of the shooting and heard the shots. Nathan Tuffs, her attorney, expects that the court will hold his client for the grand jury but is confident of showing later that a third party, whose identity has not yet been disclosed, was responsible for the murder.

GIVEN UP AS LOST

FINKENWERDER, Hanover, Dec. 7.—Twenty-one cutters of the fishing fleet from this island which was at sea when the recent storm arose have failed to return to port and have been given up as lost. The luckless crew carried one or more members from each of eighty families.

PRESIDENT TAFT

Names 1200 Persons For Federal Offices Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft today sent to the senate a list of about 1200 names for federal offices. Practically all are recess appointments that have been announced from time to time as made, and the greater part of the list is made up of postmasters in the smaller cities and census supervisors.

One of the important new appointments is that of the re-appointment of Franklin Lane as a member of the interior-state commerce commission. Stanford B. Dole, former president of the Hawaiian islands, has been named by President Taft as United States judge for the territory of Hawaii.

JOHN DREW INJURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—John Drew, the actor, was thrown from his horse while riding with his daughter on the bridge path in Central park today and seriously injured. The horse trampled on the prostrate actor as he lay on the ground. A passing automobile stopped and Mr. Drew was picked up and hurried to the Presbyterian hospital. The extent of his injuries is not known. Mr. Drew is at present appearing in a play in this city.

CHARLES ASHLEY EBBETTS' VOTE

Was Elected Mayor of New Bedford

Will be Cast for John M. Ward

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 7.—According to unofficial returns Charles Ashley Wellesley, democrat, was elected mayor today over Thomas Thompson by approximately 1000 votes.

NEW GYMNASIUM DEDICATED
WELLESLEY, Dec. 7.—The new Wellesley college gymnasium in Mary Hemenway hall was dedicated today before a distinguished gathering.

President Hazard and Miss Amy M. Romans, the director of hygiene and physical education, had charge of the exercises.

The new gym. is the gift of the heirs of Mrs. Hemenway and represents an expenditure of \$100,000.

WOMAN WANTED

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING A CHILD

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Josephine "Borel" of No. 279 Broome street, was arrested yesterday on the charge of having kidnapped an infant, boy given into her care three years ago by Mrs. Annie Ivone, of No. 534 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, an agent of the New York Infant Asylum. After caring for the baby, it is claimed she was to have returned it to the institution.

According to Mrs. Ivone, the woman was pursued a week before being captured. At police headquarters, where the prisoner was held, it developed she had had a quarrel with her husband, and the police think she wanted the baby, that she might call it her own and win back the man's love.

Mrs. Ivone says that the woman came to her a week ago and asked to have the care of an eighteen-month-old boy. She was recognized by Mrs. Ivone's daughter as the woman who had never brought back the infant boy given to her three years before.

She was followed, but had given a false address, and shook off her pursuers. She returned again yesterday, however, and a child was given to her. Detective Hyman followed her to the Broome street address, where she was arrested.

SEN. CULBERSON BETTER

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 7.—U. S. Senator Culbertson of Texas, who is here under the care of a physician, is well enough to spend some time out of doors. The senator is suffering from nervous affection. He has been here about ten days and it is expected he will remain here for some time seeking rest. The senator is in daily communication with party leaders and others in Washington.

TEACHER FINED

Because He Punished a Pupil

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Denouncing a school teacher "for outrageously beating a pupil," Magistrate Krotel made known in Essex Market court yesterday his decided opposition to corporal punishment.

Jacob Kropes of 345 East 64th street, a teacher in the private Hebrew school at 504 East Sixth street, was before the magistrate on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Officer Farrington of the "Children's society," on information furnished by Harry Yager, eight years old of 61 Sheriff street, one of Kropes's scholars.

The lad showed several severe bruises on his shoulder, and said the teacher "punched him, beat him, knocked him up against a wall, jerked him around by the ears, pulled his cheeks and struck him with his clenched fist."

Emmanuel Hartman, 11 years old, of 261 East Eighth street, a fellow pupil, corroborated Yager's story.

The teacher said he merely "shoved the boy around a little," but the magistrate accepted the two boys' versions and said:

"This boy has been brutally, outrageously beaten. If you (pointing to the defendant teacher) ever raise your hand and strike a child again as you have this boy, and you are brought before me, I'll send you to the workhouse. As it is, considering the fact that you have been in this county only three years, I'll fine you \$10, and you are lucky to get off that light. Corporal punishment is a relic of barbarian days."

CLOUDS OF SNOW

Swept Over the City of Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Blinding clouds of snow, accompanied by lower temperature and a 25 miles an hour wind, swept over Chicago and the surrounding territory today, bringing death to three persons. One of the victims, a laborer, was found dead from cold and exposure. The other two were railroad switchmen, who, blinded by snow, were run over by engines.

The snowfall in this city was four inches and reports from outside points told of 15 inches on the plains.

The southwest is in the grip of the most severe cold wave of the season, with temperatures ranging from eight above zero at Oklahoma City to four below at Concordia and Dodge City, Kan.

Denver reports the entire state of Colorado is suffering in the coldest weather yet in 31 years. Ten below zero was reached last night. Bitterly cold weather is also reported from southern Wyoming, 12 below being recorded at Laramie last night.

BOY MAYOR

OF MILWAUKEE IS ON NEW YORK 'CHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Sherburn M. Becker, famous the country over as the "Boy Mayor" of Milwaukee, has been making a round-trip on the New York Stock Exchange for \$1000 and will in a short time come to this city with his wife to make his home. The sale of the seat on the Exchange was announced last week, but the name of the purchaser was not learned until yesterday.

Trading and branding dyed-in-the-wool party men in Milwaukee, Mr. Becker, who is reputed to be a millionaire, will shortly encounter the bulls and bears of Wall street.

Mr. Becker, in 1908, when thirty years old, was elected mayor of Milwaukee, defeating David S. Rose, a democrat, who had held the office four terms, and who had been repeatedly elected despite the opposition of the newspapers and the republican and socialist votes.

Mr. Becker is a Harvard man. His father was a banker, and his grandfather was the late S. S. Merrill, manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. He was scarcely twenty years old when he married a daughter of Ira E. Smith.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 7.—"Everything is quiet," was the only comment that President Hawley of the Switchmen's union would make today on the strike situation. The men continue to assert that they have the railroads tied up, but the railroads claim the strike is broken.

L. E. Shepard, senior vice president of the Order of Railroad Conductors, who has been in St. Paul for a few days, issued an order last night to all conductors that they must observe strict neutrality.

REPORT OF EXECUTION

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—A weekly newspaper published at Mangua, Nicaragua, dated Nov. 19, has just been received here containing a report of the execution of Cannon and Groce, the two Americans, by President Zelaya. The paper asserts that both the Americans were caught in the act of trying to blow up the steamer Diamante, and that they exploded a mine fifteen yards in front of the vessel.

It says that when the men were captured they had in their possession dynamite fuses and machines for causing the explosion and that after a trial at Fort E. Castillo for setting mines they were found guilty and shot outside the fort.

TEMPERANCE FORCES ALIVE

NORTHAMPTON, Dec. 7.—Undaunted by the fact that only once in its history has the city of Northampton declared against the licensed sale of liquors, the temperance forces of the city today conducted a spirited fight to put Northampton in the "no" column.

An interesting and closely contested mayoralty campaign in which Harry E. Bicknell, democrat and former Rep. Colin Clodging, republican, were the candidates also added to the election day enthusiasm. The weather was favorable for a large vote and it was believed that the mayoralty contest would be sufficient to bring out a record-breaking number of ballots.

The election of 1887 was the only one in which the no-license forces were victorious. Last year the license majority was 252, which was 150 less than the license majority in the preceding year.

MRS. PALMER

PRESIDED OVER A SOCIETY HORSE SHOW

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Potter Palmer, fresh from her social victories in England "presided" last evening at the first purely society horse show ever held in this city. It was the best dressed horse show crowd that ever set around an arena in Chicago and the horses were well worth looking at. They formed perhaps the finest collection of horseflesh ever seen in this city.

When the show at the big Union stock yards amphitheatre opened the first blast of the trumpets brought into the ring 250 heavy draught horses whose value alone is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Jacob Kropes of 345 East 64th street, a teacher in the private Hebrew school at 504 East Sixth street, was before the magistrate on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Officer Farrington of the "Children's society," on information furnished by Harry Yager, eight years old of 61 Sheriff street, one of Kropes's scholars.

The lad showed several severe bruises on his shoulder, and said the teacher "punched him, beat him, knocked him up against a wall, jerked him around by the ears, pulled his cheeks and struck him with his clenched fist."

Emmanuel Hartman, 11 years old, of 261 East Eighth street, a fellow pupil, corroborated Yager's story.

The teacher said he merely "shoved the boy around a little," but the magistrate accepted the two boys' versions and said:

"This boy has been brutally, outrageously beaten. If you (pointing to the defendant teacher) ever raise your hand and strike a child again as you have this boy, and you are brought before me, I'll send you to the workhouse. As it is, considering the fact that you have been in this county only three years, I'll fine you \$10, and you are lucky to get off that light. Corporal punishment is a relic of barbarian days."

M. T. I. BUILDING COMMITTEE

A well attended meeting of the building committee of the Matthew Templeance Institute was held last night in the rooms of the organization in Duane street. The report of the treasurer of the moving pictures was read and it was of such a gratifying nature that it was voted to turn the proceeds of the shows this week to the society treasury.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD

The Authorities Are Making an Investigation

WILLIAMSTOWN, Dec. 7.—Whether Louis Gardner, an old and well known resident of Williamstown, who died on Sunday night came to his death as the result of an accident or as the result of mistreatment at a sanitarium where he had been placed is a problem that the authorities may be called upon to solve. Medical Examiner Brown of North Adams and Dr. John Hull of this town made an examination of Mr. Gardner's body last night and today another examination was made by Dr. Hull and a physician connected with a sanitarium at Troy, N. Y. where Mr. Gardner was a patient. Judge Sanborn G. Tenney of Williamstown was present at today's examination as the representative of Mr. Gardner's family. The doctors declared that Mr. Gardner's breastbone

was broken and that two ribs had been fractured. The Troy physician stated that he had made investigation at the sanitarium and was satisfied that Mr. Gardner's injuries were caused by a fall. The members of Mr. Gardner's family express surprise and indignation but they are not prepared as yet to make any formal charges.

Lincoln Hitchcock, a member of the board of selection and a son-in-law of Mr. Gardner says that the matter will be pressed until it is determined definitely what happened to Mr. Gardner while he was an inmate of the sanitarium. Mr. Gardner, whose health had been failing and whose mind was gone was taken to the sanitarium two weeks ago. He failed rapidly and when members of his family visited him on Saturday he was in such a condition that it was decided to bring him home and he left on Sunday night after a brief stay. His death suffered so great pain that an examination was decided upon.

DONNA SEYMOUR ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Donna Seymour, an actress, indicted by the May grand jury on a charge of operating a confidence game, is under arrest here. She is wanted, the police say, at Lowell, Mass., New York, Peoria, Ill., and other cities.

The woman, the police assert, has swindled many persons out of amounts ranging from \$300 to \$500 during the last five years. Her method of operation is to advertise in the newspapers for a man to act as "manager and treasurer" of a theatrical troupe, get him to put up all the money he wished to risk and then disappear.

THE ROSALIND IS SAFE

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 7.—Six days overdue on her regular passage from Halifax for this port, the Red Star liner Rosalind arrived here this afternoon. Captain Smith reported the stormiest weather he ever experienced. All the passengers are well and the ship sustained no damage. The Rosalind sailed from New York and called at Halifax, leaving the Nova Scotia city last Tuesday morning.

JOHN M. BURKE

Left Estate Valued at \$5,000,000 to Charity

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—John Masterston Burke, who began his career as a clerk in a Broad street shipping and trading firm and died leaving an estate estimated at over \$5,000,000, gave most his entire fortune to charity. His will was filed yesterday.

I am without relatives who are near to me or who have any just claim upon my bounty," his testament declares. "It has been and is the noblest purpose of my life that the bulk of my estate shall be dedicated to charitable purposes of the general character set forth in the charter of the Winifred Masterston Burke Relief Foundation."

"It has been and is my wish that the fortune which I have accumulated shall be used, not for my own personal gratification, but shall be used wisely and systematically to aid healthy, industrious and thrifty persons who are in trouble and unfortunates, and more especially to help healthy and poor people who shall have been ill, and especially at the period of their recuperation and convalescence from serious illness, and to enable them to better resume the struggle for their livelihood or for the performance of their duties."

The Winifred Masterston Burke Relief Foundation was established by Mr. Burke in 1902 in memory of his mother. The founder named former Mayor Abraham S. Hewitt, William Hubbard White, Edward M. Shepard, Frederick J. Dorman and Frank K. Strong as directors of the corporation, the chief purpose of which was to spend the income of a \$4,000,000 fund provided by him for the care of convalescents.

In addition to this sum, the will provides that the foundation shall receive the residue of his estate after the few legacies have been paid.

"If for any reason," the testator states, "the corporation shall be unable or unwilling to take or use the bequests or devises, then the residue is to go to my executors, William Bayard Cutting, William H. Strong, Henry J. Dore, William H. White and Frank K. Strong, who shall, as far as practicable, pay over the same to the

Winifred Masterston Burke Relief Foundation, or to a corporation of the state of New York bearing the name of Burke, to be established for the purpose set forth in the charter of the Winifred Masterston Burke Foundation."

In a codicil to the will, dated June 7, 1905, Mr. Burke revoked the appointment of William B. Cutting as an executor and named Frederick H. Dorman in his place. Francis S. Clark is substituted for William H. Strong, who died subsequent to the execution of the will.

To a cousin and fifteen children of his cousin Mr. Burke made gifts of from \$100 to \$200 each, providing that the total of these bequests should not exceed \$3000. To the Marlboro Family Society at Clinton, S. I., he bequeathed \$2500, and a like sum to the Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer, of which Rose H. Lathrop is president. Two servants are given \$5000 and \$1000, respectively.

Mr. Burke died last week at his home, 18 West Forty-seventh street, at the age of ninety-eight years.

LUDLOW STRIKE

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Until the strikers at the mills in Ludlow reject the offer of the state board of conciliation and arbitration nothing further will be done regarding the situation at Ludlow by the state authorities, according to a statement issued today by the board.

The board will not visit Ludlow again unless some action is taken by the parties involved in the strike.

NOTICE, EAGLES

A special meeting of Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 223, will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at Foresters hall, Middle street. Important special business will be considered.

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BIG RATIFICATION

Continued.

tion that we will be successful and we have one of the best tickets ever nominated to support. I shall work until polls close on election day for John F. Meehan and the democratic ticket and I pledge you, my friends, will do likewise.

Major R. J. Crowley

Major Robert J. Crowley was the next speaker and he, too, received a fine greeting. He spoke in part as follows:

Looking at this magnificent gathering it appears to me that it was worth while being a candidate even if unsuccessful. This is such a gathering as I haven't seen in years.

The promises of the candidates made before the caucuses have borne good fruit. When the democrats before the caucuses conduct their campaigns as they did we can have success on election day. I said before the caucuses that the man who won the nomination should have the full support of all. There was no logical candidate. Every candidate had a perfect right to run and now every candidate and his friends should support the winner. Nobody has any right or excuse not to support the standard bearer of the party. I, too, am here to verify the statements made by me previously, that I would support that nominee whoever he might be. It was one of the finest campaigns ever conducted. Mr. Meehan did just what I'd do. He got all the votes he could. If this audience doesn't prove that we have a united party we'll never win an election in the next 20 years. I said before the caucuses that any one of the democratic candidates were more capable of filling the office than the republican candidate and I say that there can be no comparison between them as to ability. Previous to November 22 your mayor was an investigator, but now he is a financial king. One would believe he was on a par with Rockefeller and Morgan. He talks about saving \$100,000 a year, though it were a cent. Where did he ever save a large amount of money? He has no more to go with the water department expenditures and savings than the minister to Dahomey. The expenditures of the water department this year were \$15,000 less than a year ago and he says the water department ought to be investigated.

In the street department a saving has been made and yet he has been trying all year to remove the superintendent. He did make a saving in one department, and I will give him credit for it. He investigated the police department at an expense to the city of about \$14,000, but he saved money in this department by refusing to allow a telephone in the home of the superintendent of police and he also refused to allow the superintendent an 80 cent stamp. But we don't hear him bragging about saving \$9000 in the charity department. He will not take the credit of saving that money. He is just proud of it. We have wards who have fought the battle of life and have failed and who are forced to go to our city institution. But this economical

charity board of Mayor Brown's own creation cut down the food supply and the blankets and sheets of these poor people. If a man is tubercular, instead of this board providing a tubercular ward for his care, he is sent to the state infirmary, where the rift raft of creation is assembled, and is there treated, despite the fact that he has a settlement in Lowell and is entitled by law to decent care from the city. It is cheaper to send the poor unfortunate there than to furnish a tubercular ward at the city institution. Feeble minded people are sent to Danvers with all kinds of insane because they can be kept there a little cheaper. Nothing that I have said has been denied. He has not removed Harry W. J. Howe, and until he does I shall believe Mr. Howe's statements. If you believe that a change should be made in the administration of the affairs place the stamp of condemnation upon this administration by electing the big, broad minded man at the head of our ticket, who will have the interests of all the people at heart.

equally great is your disappointment. The jails have not been filled with city hall officials, no prominent citizens have been forced to leave town and I venture to say that the people find the same kind of beer in the local saloons. Look at the charity board. One of the best superintendents in New England was removed without even a hearing and a man with absolutely no experience chosen to fill his place. I want every friend of mine to go out and support and work for the entire ticket. Don't cut your ticket, vote for every democrat and when you elect them do not be the first to criticize them. Take pride in the fact that they are in office, sustain them in their acts and show that you are not selfish and insincere.

James J. Dacey

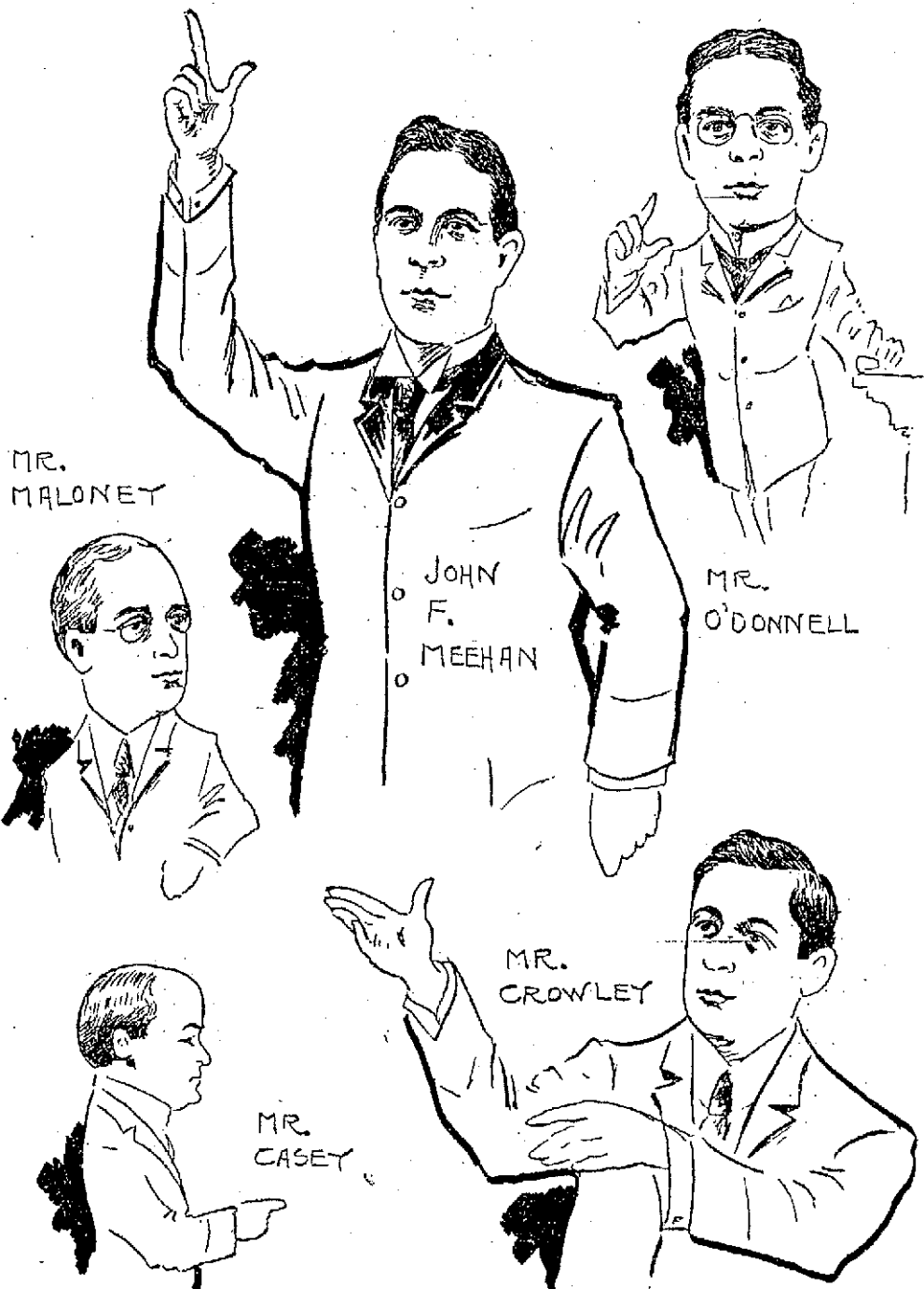
When the chairman introduced Mr. Dacey as the one man who could tell a whole lot about the mayor, the crowd cheered and Mr. Dacey was tendered a warm welcome. "I'll tell you all about the mayor in a few words," said Mr. Dacey. "He meant well at the start but he couldn't conquer the demon that was in him. He fell down. That's all

thing and mean another. Be true to your nominee and his associates on the ticket and vote straight for every democrat."

John F. Meehan

Mr. Meehan was the concluding speaker and as he arose in response to the presiding officer's graceful introduction the mighty audience arose as one man and cheered him repeatedly. The length of the demonstration gave Mr. Meehan an opportunity to recover his composure which was momentarily lost in the spontaneity and depth of the enthusiasm of the great gathering and when the applause had subsided he spoke in part as follows:

I am more than thankful to you for this grand ovation, your kindly greeting and expression of good will. This large gathering without a discordant note to mar the general harmony is an assurance that the citizens are determined to scrutinize closely the candidates who have presented themselves. I feel that I am no stranger in Lowell. While I am not personally acquainted with you all I have had the honor to represent you in the legislature. Per-



SOME OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE DEMOCRATIC RALLY LAST NIGHT.

John W. Daly III

Chairman Owens at this point read a letter from John W. Daly who is seriously ill with the grip at his home, in which he tenders his congratulations and offers the support of himself and his friends to the nominees.

Hon. James B. Casey

Ex-Mayor Casey was next introduced and he received an ovation. Mr. Casey in the course of his remarks said: There is certainly evidence of a united party here tonight. It means only one result, victory at the polls. I am pleased to assist in the unification of the party. The foundation of my success was laid by the democratic party and it would ill become me not to give my support to the party at all times. There's only one honorable and fair way to do now and that is to give John F. Meehan your unanimous support. From tonight the majority and the minority of the democratic party will unite for the success of the whole ticket. I purposely withdrew from the contest for the nomination in the interest of a united party and now let Mr. Brown beat it if he can. The same wave that swept him into office last year will sweep him out again, but this year it will be a sweep of reason and sanity instead of insanity and illusion. Elect your candidate and then give him a fair chance. The democratic office holder is nearer to the people than the republican and the demands on him are more exacting. Some are too quick and ready to find fault with their own candidate. But let us unite and show what a united party means. Forget the differences of the past and put an end to this present administration of sensationalism and conceit. All things were proclaimed to inflame the public mind and were not carried out. Great were your expectations last year and

there is to it, that's all there is to it. He got into office and then he fell. He went down and out. You have nominated a man who can control himself if elected, a man of intelligence, wisdom and ability. He will give you a proper administration of affairs. But in voting don't stop at the head of the ticket. Vote for Mr. Foye for purchasing agent, a thoroughly competent candidate, and vote for the nine democrats on the aldermanic ticket. Don't simply vote for the men you know well. Don't

haps in that way you may know something of me. I presented myself for mayor this year and I want to thank the democrats for the great distinction conferred upon me. I am the standard bearer of the party and with your assistance will bear it on to victory. The main question before you is which candidate are you to support. A year ago your mayor promised everything and he has accomplished practically nothing. He promised to investigate certain departments but did he do it? Look back over the past year. It is unnecessary to repeat what has been done. He has not measured up to the responsibilities of the office. Which candidate are you to support? Compare me with him in any way you desire. Compare my public record with his. The vote I received demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that my party was satisfied with my record. Judge between us intelligently and fairly and I will abide by the decision.

The mayor is appealing for votes on the ground that he reduced the tax rate 80 cents. He did it absolutely nothing to do with it, while as a matter of fact, I had much to do with it. As a result of a change in the law relative to the corporation tax the city of Lowell received \$105,000, one-half of the entire corporation tax of

the state. Heretofore one-quarter of this tax went to the city or town in which the business of the corporation was done, while three-quarters went to the cities and towns in which the stockholders resided. Thus the wealthy towns of Brookline, Newton and Milton received three-quarters of the great corporation tax of industrial cities like Lowell, Lawrence, Fall River and New Bedford. Last year a bill was introduced providing that one-half instead of one-quarter of the tax go to the places in which the business of the company is carried on. I spoke and defended this bill with others with the result that it became law and the city of Lowell received the amount I have quoted. I was pleased to note that a Lowell member of the legislature proposes to introduce a bill next year providing that the entire corporation tax go to the city in which the company does business and I sincerely hope to see that bill become law. The mayor asked at the Bunting club why I didn't introduce a bill to get all the corporation tax at once. He evidently knows little of legislative work and the fact that all radical reforms must be brought about gradually.

Then another bill for which I worked hard, known as the inheritance bill, became law and as a result the city of Lowell received an inheritance tax of about \$17,000. Finally the state tax against Lowell this year was \$21,000 less than last year. These were the three causes of the reduction in Lowell's tax rate and the mayor had absolutely nothing to do with bringing any one of them about. A malicious lie has been circulated about me to the effect that I have never worked. I desire to state that I have been auditor for a large Boston firm for several years and have taught evening school in this city.

"A year ago I introduced a bill in the legislature providing for the separation of the police and licensing boards and had the endorsement of the best men of the city in both parties. Mayor Brown was present at the hearing before the committee on cities but he did not speak on it. After the hearing he said to me: 'I am in favor of your bill if it goes into effect on its passage.' He wanted me to take off the referendum. He didn't want the people to have an opportunity to vote on it. He simply wanted an opportunity to make the appointments himself for this city. The mayor said yesterday that I intended being a candidate for mayor when I introduced this bill but such was not the case and furthermore the bill could not have gone into effect until next year so that the new mayor, whoever he might be, would not have the opportunity to make the appointments and he would have to be re-elected before he could make them.

Your mayor signed the charter bill and appeared at the hearing in the legislature. Senator Stevens, now state treasurer, who presided at the hearing, asked your mayor some questions about the bill he had signed and he didn't even know what the 'Recall' was. His exposure in that instance was most humiliating for any man who had any civic pride.

Judge me not by what I promise but by what I have tried to do. I am backed by no interest and have none behind me but my friends. I am untrammelled and unpledged and appear before you without a promise to any interest except to the best interests of the whole city. I believe in getting a

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The same general plan on a broader basis will be carried out this year, the main object of which is to attract new and permanent customers and to stimulate early buying to help relieve the congestion sure to happen later on. If interested, watch Lowell's Daily Newspapers for items and price-savings that will surprise you.

The list of Special Price Items will be headed

Wednesday Dec. 8th With Handkerchiefs

And they are not of the common, ordinary kind, but choice, dainty patterns imported direct for us under the most favorable conditions for Christmas business. There are over two thousand to choose from and they are all 25c numbers in Pure Irish Linens and Shamrock Lawns, with embroidered hemstitched borders. Wednesday's special price 20c each or \$2.35 dozen. Put up in fancy Christmas boxes in half and one dozen quantities.

Thursday, Dec. 9—Will be Belt and Garter Day. See Wednesday's papers for items and prices.

Friday, Dec. 10—Will be Neckwear Day. See Thursday's papers for details.

Tuesday, Dec. 14—Will be Waist Day. See papers Monday, Dec. 13, for items and prices.

Wednesday, Dec. 15—Will be Glove Day. See papers Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Thursday, Dec. 16—Will be Hosiery Day. See papers Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Friday, Dec. 17—Will be Veiling Day. See papers Thursday, Dec. 16.

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Chairman

forget Connors, or Sullivan or Rountree. Vote for the nine aldermen."

William E. Maloney

William E. Maloney was warmly received and spoke as follows: "The reasons why you should support John F. Meehan have been fully set forth by the preceding speakers and I heartily concur in all they have said. During a campaign many stories in the interest of the different candidates get circulated but once the caucuses decide the nominees all such stories should be considered as smoke and speedily forgotten. Think and think properly of the importance of this campaign to the democratic party and don't say one

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A NEW ACTION

Has Been Entered by
Count Boni

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Count Boni de Cas-tellano instituted a new court action today in connection with the education of his children. He asked the court to order his former wife, the present Princess de Sagan, to appoint a tutor for the youngest of the three sons, Jay, with the stipulation that the tutor shall make periodical reports of the boy's progress. The plaintiff also asks a determination of the rights of parents in the matter of escorting the two eldest sons to and from school and prays that the defendant be condemned to pay the costs of the present action.

You're Bilious!

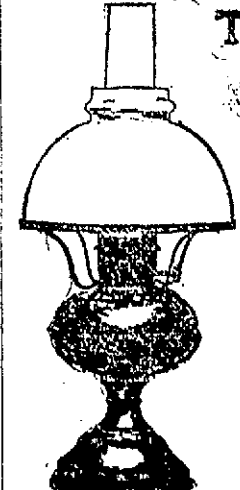
You know the symptoms—a splitting headache, sallow complexion, coated tongue, dizziness and constipated bowels. Never mind what brought on this condition, go to your druggist and get a box of

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LATEST NO EVIDENCE YET To Place Responsibility for Death of Woman

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Although new facts in connection with the insurance features of the case are constantly coming to light the probers into the death mystery of Mrs. Okey W. Snod, the East Orange bath tub victim, were still at a loss today for evidence placing direct responsibility for her strange death. Late this week the postponed hearing of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, aunt of the victim, and

charged with the crime, takes place in East Orange. Franklin W. Fort, counsel for Miss Wardlaw, said today that he knew the whereabouts of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of the dead woman. He would not reveal them, however. From other sources came the report that she is in Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Martin's failure to appear since the tragedy is one of the features of the case that has proved extremely puzzling to the authorities.

SMALL DOCKET ASTOR'S NEPHEW

Appeared in Police Court Today

This morning's session of the police court was a very brief one, there being few prisoners in the dock. No doubt Judge Hadley, who presided, was pleased, not only because it gave the city a better name to have a small number of arrests, but also because of the fact that he was suffering from a severe hoarseness and it was only with difficulty that he was able to speak.

The case of Isaac Daignault, charged with assault and battery, did not come to trial inasmuch as lawyers John J. McClure and Bennett Silverblatt, who were retained by the interested parties, informed the court that a civil settlement had been made.

Frank J. O'Brien, who was on parole from the state farm, was arrested yesterday and this afternoon he will be returned to Bridgewater.

James H. Manning was given a chance to reform a few months ago, but he did not live up to the rules of probation and this morning in court pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with drunkenness. The suspension of his former sentence was revoked and he was committed to three months in jail.

Alexander Claremont and Uldrie Bourne, charged with being drunk, were each fined \$5, with three first offenders were fined \$2 each.

FOOTBALL RULES

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 7.—That there should be a revision of the football rules with the view of distinctly minimizing the chances of serious accidents in the game, is the statement made here in an interview by Walter Camp, Yale's graduate advisory coach. Said Mr. Camp:

"I am positive that there should be alterations in the rules looking toward a distinct minimizing of the chances of serious accident. I do not know that I am sufficiently prepared to say just what those changes will be, but I am collecting such facts as I can that would lead to the knowledge of how to effect the best results."

KING LEOPOLD ILL

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7.—It is reported that the paralysis in the right arm of King Leopold is extending and that he can write only with difficulty. He spends much of his time in an easy chair.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Brownsville court of inquiry, appointed some months ago to determine what members, if any, of the colored battalion of the 25th U. S. infantry, which was discharged in a body, without honor, by President Roosevelt, for "shooting up" Brownsville, Tex., on the night of Aug. 13-14, 1906, should be allowed to re-enter the army, has returned from a visit to Brownsville. Next Thursday the court will reconvene and all of the testimony taken at Brownsville during this visit of the court will be read.

Subpoenas already have been issued, returnable next Friday. The taking of testimony of the post guard on duty at the night of the shooting will be begun that day. It is expected that probably 100 members of the guard will appear before the court from time to time, covering a period of several weeks. It is understood that while at Brownsville the court obtained very important testimony bearing upon the case, which will not be made public until the testimony is read next Thursday.

ATTACKS TIP GIVING

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"Not a man shall remain in this service who accepts a tip from a passenger," said Collector Loeb yesterday, and in the next sentence he dismissed Charles Nimmo, a customs inspector, who has been in the service since 1836.

"I am determined to break up that practice and I want the public to know that not a cent need be paid to any employee of this port for any service the government pays its agents to perform," added the collector.

The customs authorities learned that Nimmo lent a passenger sufficient money to pay duty on excess baggage and afterward went to the passenger's home to collect the loan.

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Sachet powder (a dozen kinds) which hold the odor for a year or more, in large or small quantities. If you don't feel that our perfumes at 25c an ounce equal to 50c goods elsewhere, you may have your money back. We make them, saving you middlemen's profits. Howard, the druggist, 107 Central street. (Keep your eye on our ads, for big cuts in prices of drug store articles in the meantime rest assured that we are rock bottom on everything.)

ONE MAN SHOT At the Six Days' Race in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Two thousand spectators at the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden were startled today by the report of a pistol shot from behind the tier of boxes. There was a semi-panic and a rush to the scene and when quiet was restored it was found that two men had started a fight and that in the melee which ensued a man in the crowd had been shot.

The wounded man, whose injuries are not serious, is Christopher Brown, otherwise known to Tug Wilson, a pugilist. He says he interfered in a fight between the men and does not know who shot him. Bert Keres, a prizefighter, formerly of Philadelphia, was taken into custody by the police. He denies having fired the shot but the police held him pending an investigation.

"BLACK HAND" MEN LEAVING

GENEVA, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the "Black Hand" who mean to find a new field of operation in America. It developed also that no fewer than sixty of these characters of whom forty have before been expelled from Switzerland, are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States.

These men formerly were a part of the gang of 2000 Italians employed in the construction of the Loetzehberg tunnel through the Berner Alps. This scene of industry became a hot bed of black-handers, forty of whom are now in custody there, awaiting trial on charges of blackmail, assault and murder.

SHELDON IS ILL

But Investigation of Insurance Co. Will Continue

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The fact that George P. Sheldon is so ill at his home in Connecticut that he is expected to die, will not cause an abandonment of the criminal investigation and prosecution in the matter of the Phoenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn from the presidency of which Sheldon was removed at the instigation of the state insurance department.

The department has placed the case in the hands of the district attorney and a number of men who have held office in the state insurance department will be called as important witnesses.

State Supt. of Ins. Hotchkiss declared in his report that the Phoenix Ins. Co. through its president, had been in the habit of lending considerable sums to state insurance officials and that for 23 years the insurance company had not been investigated by the department. Four state insurance officials are mentioned whose loans from the Phoenix company aggregate \$260,000. The insurance department believes that the

company's risks to the public are not involved and that the entire loss through loans negotiated by Sheldon can be balanced by crossing off \$1,000,000 of the company's \$3,000,000 surplus.

ILLNESS IS SERIOUS

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 7.—Communication with G. P. Sheldon, formerly president of the Phoenix Insurance Co. of New York, concerning the affairs of that company is impossible owing to his critical illness. Mr. Sheldon with his wife and daughters occupies rooms in The Maples hotel here where the family had resided for a year and where Mr. Sheldon is now under the care of two physicians and three nurses.

Mr. Sheldon was taken ill from pneumonia poisoning six weeks ago after eating scallops at the Apawams club in Rye. This soon developed into an inflammation of the muscular tissues of the heart and was complicated by an affection of the kidneys. Today Mr. Sheldon was said to be hovering between life and death.

Mr. Sheldon has resided in Greenwich for several years. He was one of the founders of the Greenwich Country club which is composed mainly of New York business men living in Greenwich.

DISCOVERED NEW COMET

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 7.—Zachary Daniel, a graduate student in astronomy at Princeton university, announced today that he discovered a new comet last night while at work in the Princeton observatory. The position of the comet, he says, is in right ascension, six hours, sixteen minutes, and the declination is north about 34 degrees. It is in the constellation of Auriga. Mr. Daniel discovered a comet in June, 1907, and another in June, 1909.

HENRY PIERCE ACQUITTED

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 7.—The jury in the case of Henry Clay Pierce, charged with false swearing, returned a verdict here today of not guilty.

ALARMING REPORTS

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—Alarming reports concerning the condition of the empress originate daily in irresponsible sources. There is no truth whatever in these exaggerated stories. It is well known that the empress has suffered for two years from the effects of a nervous breakdown and inflammation of the veins of the lower limbs. However, there has been no marked change in her condition, which is in no sense critical.

Telegrams received daily from Livadia show that the empress is attending the usual dinners and ceremonies of the season. The royal family is expected here about Dec. 12.

MAY BE LYNCHING

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 7.—When Earl Thompson, a negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Margaret Roberts, of Dry Ridge, three weeks ago, was brought here today, a mob surrounded the train but Sheriff Michael Caston and two deputies with drawn revolvers rushed their prisoner into the depot out the back door and up the street to the jail. The mob followed, hooting and yelling, "lynch him." A crowd of men are now surrounding the jail and the mob leaders declare the negro will be lynched if the grand jury fails to indict him.

THE MAYOR SMILED

BROCKTON, Dec. 7.—L. M. Reynolds, a former shoe manufacturer whose land was seized by the city after he had fenced in a portion of the sidewalk at Pleasant street and Warren avenue, has taken an odd way of showing his disapproval. Nailed on the fence is this sign:

"New law at city hall. After paying taxes 20 years, deeds and bonds do not count and can be taken away at the pleasure of the mayor."

He declined to comment on the matter. Mayor Kent merely smiled.

WRONG MAN ARRESTED

WAKEFIELD, R. I., Dec. 7.—One of the greatest burglary sensations South Kingston ever had came to a surprising climax in the district court here yesterday. Abdon Mowald, a widely known Greek fisherman, was charged by George Frank with breaking into the dwelling of the latter in the night time and robbing the place of \$100 in cash and jewelry. The spectators were expecting an interesting trial when it was announced that the wrong man had been accused and arrested, and the charge was dismissed on the payment of \$5 in costs by Frank.

CITY HALL NEWS

Board of Health Wants More Money

"Broke, broke, absolutely broke," is the song that they are singing at the office of the board of health today. The board needs \$459.75 in order to place out the appropriation for the year, and it is up to the committee on appropriations and the city council to do something or else work in the department will have to be stopped.

The department needs money for office salaries, labor and sundries and at the present time it looks as though there will be no pay day in that department this week.

The state aid is also looking for money, the chief of that department feeling that \$2500 will carry him through.

The committee on appropriations will meet tonight and take action on the communications for money sent by the health and state aid departments.

Aldermen to Meet

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen will be held tonight and the principal business to come before that body will be action on the business sent up by the committee on appropriations.

The committee on accounts met this afternoon in the office of the auditor for the purpose of approving bills. The committee on lands and buildings will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PAINTER FELL

MR. HOLMES OF PARKER STREET FELL FROM LADDER

Lucien G. Holmes, residing at 215 Parker street, while painting a house in C street this morning, fell from a ladder and injured his back and broke his wrist. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell General hospital where he received treatment.

DEATHS

LANDRY—Henri Landry, for several years janitor at Huntington hall, and well known in this city, died Saturday at his home in Thros Rivers, Que. He leaves a wife and a daughter, Blanche; three brothers, Alfred and John Landry of Salem, Dr. Victor P. Landry of Beancour, Que., and seven sisters, Mrs. Joseph Lamoureux, Mrs. Oiler J. David and Miss Marie Landry of this city, Mrs. Emerie Elron and Mrs. Joseph Dubreuil of Stoke Center, Que., Mrs. Leon Lamotte of Montreal, and Rev. Sister Marie-Jovone of the order of Jesus and Mary, of Tampa, Florida.

FUNERALS

McKAY—The funeral of Blanche McKay, infant daughter of Harry and Mary McKay, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, 161 Appleton street. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under direction of C. H. Molloy and Sons.

KITCHEN—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Kitchen took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adelle Bottomley, 63 Wilson street, No. 2, Dorchester. The services were conducted by Rev. C. Williams, pastor of the North Billerica Baptist church. Appropriate selections were sung by Thomas Waterhouse, and the bearers were Frederick Worthen, Frederick Russell, Russell Kitchen, and Walter Kitchen. Burial was in the family lot in the Corner cemetery under direction of George W. Healey. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Allan Bottomley.

MOTLEY—The funeral of Col. Thomas Lawrence Motley, whose death from pneumonia, occurred at his home in Groton on Saturday, was held from the Unitarian church Monday afternoon, the church service being public and the committal service private.

Col. Motley was a native of Boston, but had been a resident of Groton for many years. He was prominent in the work of the church and historical society, holding the office of secretary in the latter. His age was 74 years. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Minna Park, and a grandchild.

Col. Motley was commander of the Second Massachusetts Infantry in the Civil war.

Representatives from E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., the Loyal Legion and Masons attended the service. Singing by the Vesper quartet of Boston and the "Lost Chord" by bugle and organ, with prayer and reading of the Scripture by the pastor, Rev. P. H. Crosey, made an impressive service.

O'DONNELL—The funeral of the late Eliza O'Donnell took place this morning at 7 o'clock from her home, 245 Stevens street. At 9:30 o'clock a mass of requiem was sung at the Holy Trinity church, Shawmut avenue, Boston, and the burial took place in Dorchester cemetery, Dorchester. Undertakers J. P. O'Donnell & Sons in charge.

FUNERAL NOTICE

ROGERS—The funeral of Owen Rogers will take place Thursday morning at 8:45 o'clock from his late home, 27 Charles street. Funeral mass of requiem will be sung at St. Peter's church at 9:30 o'clock. Undertakers M. H. McDonough & Sons in charge.

DELANEY—The body of John H. Delaney, who died Sunday, at 166 South street, was forwarded to Putnam, N. Y., by Undertaker J. J. O'Donnell this morning, for burial. The body was forwarded on the 7:30 train. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery in Putnam.

NEEDLESS ALARM GIVEN

An alarm from box 67 at 7:40 o'clock last night gave a portion of the department a needless run to the corner of Hildreth street and Lillie avenue. There was no fire, the alarm being a false one, which was probably rung in by some small boy.

HIS FOOT INJURED

Henry Harmon, of 13 Bradford street, had the big toe of his left foot crushed while at work at the Tremont & Suffolk mills this morning. He was taken to the Lowell hospital.

An anniversary high mass for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Glehn will be celebrated at St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock Saturday, Dec. 11th.

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To Choose From. Special Prices to Suit All.

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Of the very latest style, cut and finish. Marked prices that will sell them at sight.

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Worth \$25.00 Worth \$35.00
Which cannot be excelled less than \$10.00 more.

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These coats can't be duplicated less than \$15.00 and \$25.00.

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CHILDREN'S COATS that will make your little girl look smart and stylish; made in broadcloths, serges, kerseys, plushes, caraculs, chevots and bear cloths in the wanted colorings.

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SISTERS REUNITED A BILLERICA MAN

Were Separated in Infancy by Parents' Death

Has Sued the New York Central Road for \$10,000

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 7.—Miss Della LaRue of Minneapolis is here at the home of her uncle, W. F. Gaudette, and her sister, Mrs. Noe Benjamin, after having been lost to them for 26 years. Her mother was Mr. Gaudette's sister, who, with her family, went west soon after Miss LaRue was born.

The mother soon died and the father married again. He died in a very short time, and his two children were left with his second wife. From her they were taken by an uncle and placed in an orphanage. Rev. Charles E. Crevier, pastor of Notre Dame church here, about 30 years ago went to St. Paul on a visit and was told about two little girls in the Minneapolis orphanage whose parents had come from his town. He sought them out, and on returning here told Mr. Gaudette. Mr. Gaudette set out at once to bring back the children of his sister. He found only one, Della having in the meantime been adopted and having disappeared.

That was 26 years ago. Mr. Gaudette and his sister have since searched for Della, advertising extensively in St. Paul and Minneapolis papers. At the meantime she was dividing her time traveling the country with her new-found parents and getting an education in St. Joseph's convent in St. Paul. She developed a desire to find her relatives and appealed to a priest, who happened to remember that one of his former parishioners in Minneapolis had relatives named LaRue. It turned out that this former parishioner was a cousin of Della's, whose father, also, had died in the west. Three LaRue brothers died out there from consumption in a few years.

The new found cousin remembered the name Gaudette and North Adams as his home, and it was decided to write to Notre Dame parish house here to see if any trace could be found of the Gaudette that was the uncle of the LaRues.

The letter was received by Rev. C. H. Joannette of this city, who suspected Mr. Gaudette was the person wanted. Communication between the long separated sisters was then returned and now comes the reunion.

In the Berkshire superior court yesterday several actions of tort for heavy damages were entered. John J. Nolan of Billerica has brought a suit against the New York Central railroad for \$10,000. He alleges he was injured March 25 last while riding on a passenger car by a large rock falling into the car.

Michael H. Burke of Pittsfield has brought a suit against the J. C. Vreeland building company of Pittsfield for

\$15,000, alleging injuries received while employed by the defendant.

John A. Gilbert and Joseph H. D. Beaucage each sue Samuel J. Trembley for \$25,000. The plaintiffs were in a motor car which Trembley was towing and allege that through his negligence they were thrown out and injured. Gilbert and Beaucage also sue Dr. William J. Mercer, trustee, for \$25,000, alleging the same action as against Trembley.

NO WAGE REDUCTION

Fall River Mill Operatives Hear Good News

FALL RIVER, Dec. 7.—There will be no reduction in the wages paid operatives in Fall River cotton mills during the next six months. This was announced by the Cotton Manufacturers' association last night, following a conference with the Textile union representatives, at which the manufacturers waived their rights to cut wages. Under the provisions of the sliding scale agreement they were entitled to reduce wages 8 per cent, their margin

of profits during the past month having decreased in that proportion. They explained, however, that having stocked up well with cotton at low prices, they are able to give the operatives the benefit of the existing high prices. This is the third consecutive time the manufacturers have waived their rights. The operation of the new 66 hour law, which will make a curtailment of 20 minutes in each working day, was also discussed.

DEATHS OF INFANTS

Being Investigated by the Providence Officials

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 7.—Coroner Babcock, who is probing into the causes of the deaths of 24 infants at the Myrtle baby home in East Providence, heard much testimony yesterday in relation to the use of paregoric as a quietor.

Among the principal witnesses were Mrs. A. H. Tourtellotte, wife of Rev. Mr. Tourtellotte, the commander-in-chief of the house, and Miss Theodosia Doughty, who bears the title of colonel at the baby farm.

Mrs. Ethel L. Gilbrece, who took babies from the home on trial with views of adoption, testified that she had had pecuniary dealings with the Myrtle baby home. She said she had paid \$10 when she took the first child from the home. She paid the money to Miss Doughty, the secretary. She said she was to pay \$15 altogether, which was for nine weeks' board. She paid the \$10 and \$5 was due.

The child was so restless that she telephoned to the home and asked what she should do with it. They told her to give it some medicine, the name of which she did not remember, and five drops of water in the morning and five in the evening. She did not sleep at all on the following Sunday, she took the child back and gave it to Miss Doughty at the home.

Testifies on Paregoric
Miss Doughty asked her, she testified, why she had not given paregoric. Mr. Tourtellotte himself testified over the telephone. The use of paregoric, she said, Ada Murray was the witness she referred to when she said there was someone with her when Miss Doughty had told her she ought to have given the child paregoric. She had to pay the doctor and for the funeral expenses of the last child she took from the home.

Mrs. Gilbrece criticised the appearance of some things at the home and exhibited the clothes which the last baby she took had on when it was turned over to her by the management. The clothes were comfortable.

Col. Theodosia Doughty testified that Dr. Knapp was her nephew. She denied that she had received \$10 from Mrs. Gilbrece. She said the facts were that Mrs. Gilbrece had offered and gave \$10 as a donation. The home did not ask for the money. She knew nothing about the \$5 said to be due the home by Mrs. Gilbrece.

"Did you ask her when she came to return the child and told you it was uneasy why she hadn't given paregoric?" asked Mr. Babcock.

"No sir," replied witness. "Neither Mrs. Gilbrece nor I said anything about paregoric."

"How much paregoric was purchased by the home from the time it was started until the time of the inquiry?" asked the coroner.

"I have never purchased any," replied the witness. "I don't think any was purchased."

plified the witness.

Mrs. Helen M. Harrington, night nurse at the home at one time, testified that when the babies were restless she took them up, but gave no medicine.

Mrs. Tourtellotte Questioned
Mrs. A. H. Tourtellotte, wife of Rev. Mr. Tourtellotte, and matron of the home, testified that she gave the medicine to the children when necessary, as that was not the duty of the nurse. The children were naturally rather restless at times. She admitted that she thought it was desirable to keep the sick babies quiet, but never gave them anything but brandy and water for ordinary ailments. Two teaspoonfuls of brandy, half a tumbler full of water was the mixture. This was given as needed and when the doctor prescribed for it.

"Was there any paregoric or other sedative preparation given the babies?" asked Mr. Babcock.

"There was never any paregoric given to the children except once, when on advice of the doctor three drops were given to one child. We had a bottle of paregoric which had been in the house for two years. The child to which the paregoric was given was 5 years old. The paregoric had been bought in the first place for earache. No one but myself had access to the cupboard which was kept locked. There were no sedatives or other medicines in the chest except that left by Dr. Knapp."

Senator William M. P. Bowen of this city said last night that at the forthcoming session of the general assembly there will be legislation introduced to regulate the conduct of nurseries and so-called baby farms. The senator said that the requests for laws on the subject have been made to him since the publication of the startling facts relating to the Myrtle home.

MAN STRANGLED

While He Was Using a Stomach Pump

BROCKTON, Dec. 7.—Richard Frederick Watson of Boston was strangled to death here yesterday morning while using a stomach pump in an effort to relieve an acute stomach trouble. Dr. A. E. Palmo was notified and viewed the body.

Mr. Watson came here to visit his sister a number of days ago. Mr. Watson was a native of the West Indies and was of English nobility descent. He came to the United States when 21 and had lived in Boston or the immediate vicinity since his arrival in this country. He was, until a few years ago, sexton of Father Taylor's Methodist church, Boston. He was a third degree Mason, having received that degree in Mt. Taber lodge, A. F. and A. M., Feb. 15, 1877.

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BOSTON KNIGHTS

To Visit Lowell Brethren Tonight

At the convocation of Lowell commandery, Knights of Malta, to be held at Odd Fellows temple this evening, a big time is expected. The Knights of Malta of Greater Boston will be there as great interest has been aroused in the working of the degree of the knights of the green. The degree will be conferred upon four candidates by Everett, of which Deputy Grand Commander Robinson is one of the principal officers. The Everett knights will attend in a body, coming by special electric, while a number of knights from Boston and other towns have signified their intention to attend. The grand commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the grand recorder and other grand officers are also expected to be present.

Added interest will be given to the festivities by the presence of Supreme Commander William M. Macomber, who was formerly deputy of the local commandery. This will be his first visit to Lowell since his elevation to the highest rank in the jurisdiction of the United States, and it is supposed to give him a rousing reception.

Following the degree work there will be a banquet with the usual postprandial exercises, including addresses by the visiting dignitaries of the order. Rev. C. E. Fisher, Mayor Brown and others. A musical program has also been arranged, selections by the Welch quartet, being among the numbers. Owing to the fact that Congressman Butler Ames has returned to Washington to attend the session of congress, he will be unable to be present.

The committee in charge of the affair which has been hustling to make the necessary arrangements is made up of Past Commander Jesse W. Cheney, chairman; Generalissimo J. Walter Bowers and Captain General Henry Wisbey. This committee has been ably assisted by Recorder William H. Saunders and Senior Warden Albert G. Cheney.

The Everett contingent is expected to arrive in Lowell at 8.30 or shortly after, and in order that the staff may proceed with the degree work upon its arrival, the regular business meeting of Lowell commandery will open at 7.30 tonight.

PRESIDENT TAFT

To Speak at Methodist Jubilee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft will leave Washington next Monday morning, Dec. 13, for New York, where in the evening he will make the principal address at the closing meeting of the diamond jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal church mission in Africa.

This jubilee celebration was opened a year ago in Washington with an address by President Roosevelt. Before speaking at Carnegie hall, President Taft will dine with Rev. John Wesley Hill at the latter's home.

After spending the night in New York at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, the president will go to New Haven, Dec. 14, to attend a meeting of the Yale corporation, of which he is a fellow.

There will be a banquet in New Haven Tuesday night, and leaving there at midnight the president will

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We want everyone troubled with scalp disease, dandruff or loss of hair to try Resall "33" Hair Tonic. If it does not remove dandruff and promote a growth of hair to the satisfaction of the user, we will without question or quibble return every cent paid us for it. This guarantee is printed on every package. It has effected most satisfactory results in 32 out of 100 cases where put to a practical test.

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return to Washington during the forenoon of Dec. 15.

Mrs. Taft and her sister, Mrs. Laughlin, will accompany the president to New York.

BOOK-A-MONTH CLUB

The Book-a-Month club held its meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. William E. Kezer, 37 Mort avenue. Regular business was transacted, and the subject of the evening, "Anatomy," was taken up. An interesting paper on "The Two Dippers" was read by Miss Annie Mosher. The guest of the evening was Rev. George F. Kenngott, who talked on "Turkey" as

seen in his visits to that country, and he showed many views and pictures of places seen on his travels. Mrs. V. E. Darmer and Mrs. Jones gave a pleasing piano duet. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Wesley Wilder pouring, assisted by Miss Josephine Kezer.

REUBEN HOPKINS DEAD

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Reuben W. Hopkins, president of the Boston Ice Co. for the past 17 years and a director of the American Ice Co., died at his home, 21 Bay State road, yesterday, aged 63 years. He is survived by a widow and one son and one daughter.

Lowell, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1909

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West Section, North Aisle

The Book Store

Seems as though we've twice as many books as ever before and more attractive ones than ever. The covers and illustrations of modern fiction are executed by the highest priced artists of the day, making the volumes more "keepable" than formerly—and it's surprising how cheaply priced are some of the Gift Books. For instance three of Henty's for Boys are

ONLY 19c EACH

Palmer Street, Centro Aisle

BANK CASHIER

Is Charged With the Embezzlement of \$118,000

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 7.—Robert D. Muir, the cashier of the People's bank and trust company of this city, was arrested last evening on the charge of having embezzled more than \$118,000 of the bank's money.

Muir was held under a bond of \$10,000, which up to a late hour last night he had not been able to obtain.

Muir disappeared from New Haven early in October and did not return until last evening. That he came back to give himself up is alleged. It is claimed that the bank has recovered all but about \$24,000 of the securities which Muir took. It is understood that he had been doing business with bucket shops here and that it was through these that he lost the bank's funds.

His arrest was caused by the state bank examiners, who yesterday began an investigation. It was intimated this evening that Muir's shortage will reach \$150,000. The bank has a capital of \$100,000 only, but the stockholders claim to have made good the entire shortage.

At a meeting of the stockholders yesterday Henry G. Newton, pres., and F. C. Boyd, vice president, resigned both as officers and directors.

Joseph E. Hubinger was elected president of the bank and it was voted to increase the surplus of the institution to \$50,000.

Muir is the fourth cashier of a New Haven bank to default since 1905, when A. C. Bushnell, the cashier of the Yale national bank, committed suicide as a defaulter to over \$35,000. In 1908 Douglas Smith, teller of the National tradesmen's bank, stole over \$74,000 of the bank's funds. Only six months ago the bookkeeper of the Merchants' national bank, Frederick H. Brigham, got away with over \$23,000 of the bank's funds. All four were victims of bucket shops and stole through opportunities as "trusted men" in their respective banks. Muir was formerly a national bank examiner.

CLASSES TO RESUME
The women's branch of the People's club will open again on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, and the program of work for the ensuing week will be as follows: Thursday, cooking; Friday, embroidery; Monday, dressmaking and embroidery; Tuesday, plain sewing. On Wednesday evening next week a Christmas party will be given to which all the members of the various classes are invited. There will be a pleasing entertainment and games; and ice cream and cake will be served.

HEALTH and BEAUTY HELPS

BY MRS. MAE MARTIN

Miss Anxiety: It is a bitter confession for our sex to make, but we have to admit that the girl who takes the best care of her complexion and general appearance has the best chance of getting a good husband. You should not be so careless about those blackheads and large uneven pores below your eyes. If you wish to get rid of these troubles, get an ounce of almond from your druggist and dissolve it in ½ pint of cold water and add 2 teaspoonfuls of glycerine. Stir briskly and let stand. Apply this you would any complexion cream. I have had friends tell me it was splendid for removing wrinkles. It is unexcelled for massaging, and will leave the skin smooth and pliable. This cream contains no oil or anything that will promote a growth of hair on the face, and is recommended for chapped face and hands, also for removing tan and freckles.

James J. Eczema, salt rheum, rashes and similar itching skin diseases are terribly annoying. The best remedy I know of is made in this way: Get from your druggist 1 ounce of luscious and mix with 4 tablespoonfuls of alcohol and a half-pint of water. Shake bottle, pour small quantity upon affected surface and let dry, repeating treatment until eruptions disappear. When skin is restored to healthy condition, in general, this remedy has proven very effective.

Katie D.: Never scratch the scalp with the finger-nails. To remove dandruff, stop your scalp from itching and keep the hair from falling out, shampoo the hair twice a month with cantharox and use a hair tonic made by dissolving 1 ounce quinine in ½ pint alcohol and ½ pint cold water. This is a splendid tonic for the hair, and if used regularly will keep your scalp and hair in a healthy condition. It not only makes the hair glossy and the scalp moist. It is the best and most refreshing tonic I know.

Harriet W.: If your eyes feel tired and are dull and inflamed, you need an eye tonic. Dissolve an ounce of crystals in a pint of water. One or two drops of this in each eye every day is all that is needed to strengthen your eyes and make them bright and sparkling. This tonic will not smart or burn and is a great aid to those who wear glasses. It makes the eyes appear brilliant and full of expression. A friend of mine, who is on the fringe, tells me she keeps her much-admired eyes beautiful by using this tonic. I find it very strengthening to weak, inflamed, dull and tired eyes and for granulated eyes.

Miss G. H.: Your letter really amused me. You are entirely too fleshy to be charming. It is no wonder your sweetheart appears to care so little

for you since you have grown so fleshy. As a famous actress recently said, "Nobody loves a fat woman."

You ought to reduce your weight at least 20 pounds. Even though other remedies have failed, try this: Dissolve 4 ounces of paracetamol in hot water and take a tablespoonful before each meal. This remedy is perfectly harmless and does not require dieting. I am sure it will do you a world of good and enable you to regain your former stylish, slender figure.

Anna R.: (1) Don't use soap when shampooing. It does more harm than good. It makes the hair stiff and leaves the scalp harsh and dry. Try shampooing your hair every two weeks with a teaspoonful of cantharox dissolved in a cup of hot water. I never use any other kind of a shampoo. Cantharox lathers freely and gives a delightful shampoo that dries quickly. It cleans the hair and scalp nicely and does not irritate. (2) You can get cantharox shampoo at almost any shampoo parlor, or you can buy cantharox shampoo at home. It makes the hair soft and glossy. (3) For a genuinely good hair tonic, see answer to Katie D.

Louise L.: Men certainly can't be blamed for admiring pretty women. The woman with a clear, fresh-looking, youthful complexion deserves attention. If you want to get rid of that shiny, greasy, muddy look to your complexion, the next time you go to the drug store, get a box of Cantharox and dissolve it in a half-pint of hot water and add 2 teaspoonfuls of glycerine. This lotion will not rub in like a face powder, but will take up and whiten the skin, make it soft and smooth, and give you a beautiful complexion. Use this lotion excellent for rough, sallow skin, cold sores, tan, freckles and pimples. It costs very little and is unquestionably a wonderful beautifier.

Florence: That tired feeling you have on arising every morning shows plainly that your blood is not in good order. You ought to take a good tonic. The best tonic I know of is made by dissolving an ounce of Cantharox and a half-teaspoonful of sugar in a half-pint of alcohol, and then adding enough boiling water to make a full quart of tonic. Take 1 tablespoonful 5 minutes before each meal and before retiring. It will clear your vision, relieve you of that tired, lazy feeling, give you renewed energy and remove those pimples from your face. This tonic will put your blood in good condition and make you feel like a new woman. My experience shows this tonic an excellent one for clearing up a sallow complexion, removing skin eruptions, and toning up the system generally.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Senate and the House of Representatives:

The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of amity and good understanding and are very generally satisfactory.

Europe.

Pursuant to the provisions of the general treaty of arbitration concluded between the United States and Great Britain, April 4, 1908, a special agreement was entered into between the two countries on Jan. 27, 1909, for the submission of questions relating to the fisheries on the north Atlantic coast to a tribunal to be formed from members of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

In accordance with the provisions of the special agreement the printed case of each government was, on Oct. 4 last, submitted to the other and to the arbitral tribunal at The Hague, and the counter case of the United States is now in course of preparation.

The American rights under the fisheries article of the treaty of 1818 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly seventy years. The interests involved are of great importance to the American fishing industry, and the final settlement of the controversy will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint. This is the first case involving such great international questions which has been submitted to the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

The treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning the Canadian international boundary, concluded April 11, 1908, authorizes the appointment of two commissioners to define and mark accurately the international boundary line between the United States and the Dominion of Canada in the waters of the Passamaquoddy bay and provides for the exchange of briefs within the period of six months. The briefs were duly presented within the prescribed period, but as the commissioners failed to agree within six months after the exchange of the printed statements, as required by the treaty, it has now become necessary to resort to the arbitration provided for in the article.

The international fisheries commission appointed pursuant to and under the authority of the convention of April 11, 1908, between the United States and Great Britain has completed a system of uniform and common international regulations for the protection and preservation of the food fishes in international boundary waters of the United States and Canada.

The regulations will be duly submitted to congress with a view to the enactment of such legislation as will be necessary under the convention to put them into operation.

The convention providing for the settlement of international differences between the United States and Canada, including the appointment between the two countries of certain of the boundary waters and the appointment of commissioners to adjust certain other questions, signed on the 11th day of January, 1909, and to the ratification of which the senate gave its advice and consent on March 3, 1909, has not yet been ratified on the part of Great Britain.

Commissioners have been appointed on the part of the United States to act jointly with commissioners on the part of Canada in examining into the question of obstructions in the St. John river between Maine and New Brunswick and to make recommendations for the regulation of the uses thereof and are now engaged in this work.

Protecting the Seals.

Negotiations for an international conference to consider and reach an arrangement providing for the preservation and protection of the fur seals in the north Pacific are in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Japan and Russia. The attitude of the governments interested leads me to hope for a satisfactory settlement of this question as the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

The second peace conference recently held at The Hague adopted a convention for the establishment of an international prize court upon the joint proposal of delegations of the United States, France, Germany and Great Britain. The law to be observed by the tribunal in the decision of prize cases was, however, left in an uncertain and therefore unsatisfactory state. Article 7 of the convention provided that the court was to be governed by the provisions of treaties existing between the belligerents, but that "in the absence of such provisions the court shall apply the rules of international law. If no generally recognized rule exists the court shall give judgment in accordance with the general principles of justice and equity." As, however, many questions in international maritime law are understood differently and therefore interpreted differently in various countries, it was deemed advisable not to trust legislative powers to the proposed court, but to determine the rules of law properly applicable in a conference of the representative maritime nations. Pursuant to an invitation of Great Britain a conference was held at London from Dec. 2, 1908, to Feb. 26, 1909, in which the following powers participated: The United States, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia and Spain. The conference resulted in the declaration of London, unanimously agreed to and signed by the participating powers, concerning, among other matters, the highly important subjects of blockade, contraband, the destruction

of neutral prizes and continuous voyages.

The declaration of London is an eminently satisfactory codification of the international maritime law, and it is hoped that its reasonableness and fairness will secure its general adoption, as well as remove one of the difficulties standing in the way of the establishment of an international prize court.

Under the authority given in the sundry civil appropriation act, approved March 4, 1909, the United States was represented at the international conference on maritime law at Brussels. The conference met on the 28th of September last and resulted in the signature and referendum of a convention for the unification of certain regulations with regard to maritime assistance and salvage and a convention for the unification of certain rules with regard to collisions at sea.

Two new projects of conventions which have not heretofore been considered in a diplomatic conference—namely, one concerning the limitation of the responsibility of shipowners and the other concerning marine mortgages and privileges—have been submitted by the conference to the different governments.

The conference adjourned to meet again on April 11, 1910.

The international conference for the purpose of promoting uniform legislation concerning letters of exchange, which was called by the government of the Netherlands to meet at The Hague in September, 1909, has been postponed to meet at that capital in June, 1910. The United States will be appropriately represented in this conference under the provision thereof already made by congress.

The cordial invitation of Belgium to be represented by a fitting display of American progress in the useful arts and inventions at the world's fair to be held at Brussels in 1910 remains to be acted upon by the congress. Mindful of the advantages to accrue to our artisans and producers in competition with their continental rivals, I renew the recommendation heretofore made that provision be made for acceptance of the invitation and adequate representation in the exposition.

The question arising out of the Belgian annexation of the Independent State of the Congo, which has so long and earnestly preoccupied the attention of this government and enlisted the sympathy of our best citizens, is still open, but in a more hopeful stage. This government was among the foremost in the great work of uplifting the uncivilized regions of Africa and urging the extension of the benefits of civilization, education and fruitful open commerce to that vast domain and is a party to treaty engagements of all the interested powers designed to carry out that great duty to humanity. The way to better the original and adventitious conditions, so burdensome to the natives and so destructive to their development, has been pointed out, by observation and experience, not alone of American representatives, but by cumulative evidence from all quarters and by the investigations of Belgian agents. The announced programs of reforms, striking at many of the evils known to exist, are an augury of better things. The attitude of the United States is one of benevolent encouragement, coupled with a hopeful trust that the good work, responsibly undertaken and zealously perfected to the accomplishment of the results so ardently desired, will soon justify the wisdom that inspires them and satisfy the demands of humane sentiment throughout the world.

German Patents.

A convention between the United States and Germany, under which the nonworking provisions of the German patent law are made inapplicable to the patents of American citizens, was concluded on Feb. 23, 1909, and is now in force. Negotiations for similar conventions looking to the placing of American inventors on the same footing as nationals have recently been initiated with other European governments whose laws require the local working of foreign patents.

Under an appropriation made at the last session of the congress a commission was sent on American cruisers to Montevideo to investigate the interests of the United States and its citizens in Liberia. Upon its arrival at Montevideo the commission was enthusiastically received and during its stay in Liberia was everywhere met with the heartiest expressions of good will for the American government and people, and the hope was repeatedly expressed on all sides that this government might see its way clear to do something to relieve the critical position of the republic arising in a measure from external as well as internal and financial embarrassments.

The Liberian government afforded every facility to the commission for ascertaining the true state of affairs. The commission also had conferences with representative citizens, interested foreigners and the representatives of foreign governments in Montevideo. Visits were made to various parts of the republic and to the neighboring British colony of Sierra Leone, where the commission was received by and conferred with the governor.

Helping Liberia.

It will be remembered that the interest of the United States in the republic of Liberia springs from the historical fact of the foundation of the republic by the colonization of American citizens of the African race. In an early treaty with Liberia there is a provision under which the United

States may be called upon for advice or assistance. Pursuant to this provision and in the spirit of the moral relationship of the United States to Liberia that republic last year asked this government to lend assistance in the solution of certain of their national problems, and hence the commission was sent.

The report of our commissioners has just been completed and is now under examination by the department of state. It is hoped that there may result some helpful measures, in which case it may be my duty again to invite your attention to this subject.

The Norwegian government, by a note addressed on Jan. 26, 1909, to the department of state, conveyed an invitation to the government of the United States to take part in a conference which it is understood will be held in February or March, 1910, for the purpose of devising means to remedy existing conditions in the Spitzbergen islands.

This invitation was conveyed under the reservation that the question of altering the status of the islands as countries belonging to no particular state and as equally open to the citizens and subjects of all states should not be raised.

The European powers invited to this conference by the government of Norway were Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Sweden and the Netherlands.

The department of state, in view of proofs filed with it in 1906, showing the American possession, occupation and working of certain coal bearing lands in Spitzbergen, accepted the invitation under the reservation above stated and under the further reservation that all interests in those lands already vested should be protected and that there should be equality of opportunity for the future. It was further pointed out that membership in the conference on the part of the United States was qualified by the consideration that this government would not become a signatory to any conventional arrangement concluded by the European members of the conference which would imply contributory participation by the United States in any obligation or responsibility for the enforcement of any scheme of administration which might be devised by the conference for the islands.

The Near East.

His majesty Mehmed V., sultan of Turkey, recently sent to this country a special embassy to announce his accession. The quick transition of the government of the Ottoman empire from one of retrograde tendencies to a constitutional government with a parliament and with progressive modern policies of reform and public improvement is one of the important phenomena of our times. Constitutional government seems also to have made further advance in Persia. These events have turned the eyes of the world upon the near east. In that quarter the prestige of the United States has spread widely through the peaceful influence of American schools, universities and missionaries. There is every reason why we should obtain a greater share of the commerce of the near east since the conditions are more favorable now than ever before.

Latin America.

One of the happiest events in recent pan-American diplomacy was the pacific, independent settlement by the governments of Bolivia and Peru of a boundary difference between them, which for some weeks threatened to cause war and even to entrain hostilities affecting other republics less directly concerned. From various quarters, directly or indirectly concerned, the intermediation of the United States was sought to assist in a solution of the controversy. Desiring at all times to abstain from any undue meddling in the affairs of sister republics and having faith in the ability of the governments of Peru and Bolivia themselves to settle their difference in a manner satisfactory to themselves, which, viewed with magnanimity, would assuage all imbrutement, this government steadily abstained from being drawn into the controversy and was much gratified to find its confidence justified by events.

On the 9th of July next there will open at Buenos Aires the fourth pan-American conference. This conference will have a special meaning to the hearts of all Americans because around its date are clustered the anniversaries of the independence of so many of the American republics. It is not necessary for me to remind the congress of the political, social and commercial importance of these gatherings. You are asked to make liberal appropriation for our participation. If this be granted it is my purpose to appoint a distinguished and representative delegation qualified fittingly to represent this country and to deal with the problems of intercontinental interest which will there be discussed.

The Argentine Republic will also hold from May to November, 1910, at Buenos Aires a great international agricultural exhibition, in which the United States has been invited to participate. Considering the rapid growth of the trade of the United States with the Argentine Republic and the cordial relations existing between the two nations, together with the fact that it provides an opportunity to show deference to a sister republic on the occasion of the celebration of its national independence, the proper departments of this government are taking steps to apprise the interests concerned of the opportunity afforded by this exhibition, in which appropriate participation by this country is so desirable. The designation of an official representative is also receiving consideration.

Today more than ever before American capital is seeking investment in foreign countries, and American products are more and more generally seeking foreign markets. As a consequence in all countries there are American citizens and American interests to be protected on occasion by their government. These movements of men, of capital and of commodities bring peoples and governments closer together and so form bonds of peace and mutual dependency, as they must also naturally sometimes make passing points of friction. The resultant situation inevitably imposes upon this government vastly increased responsibilities. This administration, through the department of state and the foreign service, is lending all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enterprises in foreign countries, the degree of such support being measured by the national advantages to be expected. A citizen himself cannot by contract or otherwise divest himself of the right, nor can this government escape the obligation, of his protection in his personal and property rights when these are unjustly infringed in a foreign country. To avoid needless vexation it is proper that in considering whether American enterprise should be encouraged or supported in a particular country the government should give full weight not only to the national as opposed to the individual benefits to accrue, but also to the fact whether or not the government of the country in question is in its administration and in its diplomacy faithful to the principles of moderation, equity and justice upon which alone depends international credit in diplomacy as well as in finance.

The pan-American policy of this government has long been fixed in its principles and remains unchanged. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south of us, most of which have great natural resources, stable government and progressive ideals, the apprehension which gave rise to the Monroe doctrine may be said to have nearly disappeared, and neither the doctrine as it exists nor any other doctrine of American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

Reside the fundamental doctrines of our pan-American policy there have grown up a realization of political interests, community of institutions and ideals and a flourishing commerce. All these bonds will be greatly strengthened as time goes on and increased facilities, such as the great bank soon to be established in Latin America, supply the means for building up the colossal intercontinental commerce of the future.

My meeting with President Diaz and the greeting exchanged on both American and Mexican soil served, I hope, to signalize the close and cordial relations which so well bind together this republic and the great republic immediately to the south, between which there is so vast a network of material interests.

I am happy to say that all but one of the cases which for so long vexed our relations with Venezuela have been settled within the past few months and that, under the enlightened regime now directing the government of Venezuela, provision has been made for arbitration of the remaining case before The Hague tribunal.

On July 30, 1909, the government of Panama agreed, after considerable negotiation, to indemnify the relatives of the American officers and sailors who were brutally treated, one of them having, indeed, been killed, by the Panamanian police this year.

The sincere desire of the government of Panama to do away with a situation where such an accident could occur is manifest in the recent request in compliance with which this government has lent the services of an officer of the army to be employed by the government of Panama as instructor of police.

The sanitary improvements and public works undertaken in Cuba prior to the present administration of that government, in the success of which the United States is interested under the treaty, are reported to be making good progress, and since the congress provided for the continuance of the reciprocal commercial arrangement between Cuba and the United States assurance has been received that no negotiations injuriously affecting the situation will be undertaken without consultation.

The collection of the customs of the Dominican Republic through the general receiver of customs appointed by the president of the United States in accordance with the convention of Feb. 8, 1907, has proceeded in an uneventful and satisfactory manner. The customs receipts have decreased owing to disturbed political and economic conditions and to a very natural curtailment of imports in view of the anticipated revision of the Dominican tariff schedule. The payments to the fiscal agency fund for the service of the bonded debt of the republic, as provided by the convention, have been regularly and promptly made, and satisfactory progress has been made in carrying out the provisions of the convention looking toward the completion of the adjustment of the debt and the requirement by the Dominican government of certain concessions and monopolies which have been a burden to the commerce of the country. In short, the receivership has demonstrated its ability, even under unfavorable economic and political conditions, to do the work for which it was intended.

This government was obliged to intervene diplomatically to bring about arbitration or settlement of the claim of the Emery company against Nicaragua, which it had long before agreed should be arbitrated. A settlement of this troublesome case was

reached by the signature of a protocol on Sept. 18, 1909.

Claim Against Chile.

Many years ago diplomatic intervention became necessary to the protection of the interests in the American claim of Alsop & Co. against the government of Chile. The government of Chile had frequently admitted obligation in the case and had promised this government to settle it. There had been two abortive attempts to do so through arbitral commissions which failed through lack of jurisdiction. Now, happily, as the result of the recent diplomatic negotiations, the governments of the United States and of Chile, actuated by the sincere desire to free from any strain both cordial and friendly relations upon which both set such store, have agreed by a protocol to submit the controversy to definitive settlement by his Britannic majesty Edward VII.

Since the Washington conventions of 1907 were communicated to the government of the United States as a consulting and advising party this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another and in turn by all of the five Central American republics to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Zelaya government of Nicaragua, which has kept Central America in constant tension or turmoil. The responses made to the representations of Central American republics as due from the United States on account of its relation to the Washington conventions have been at all times conservative and have avoided, so far as possible, any semblance of interference, although it is very apparent that the considerations of geographic proximity to the canal zone and of the very substantial American interests in Central America give to the United States a special position in the zone of these republics and the Caribbean sea.

I need not rehearse here the patient efforts of this government to promote peace and welfare among these republics, efforts which are fully appreciated by the majority of them who are loyal to their true interests. It would be no less unnecessary to rehearse here the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of President Zelaya himself. They were officers in the organized forces of a revolution which had continued many weeks and was in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war.

At the date when this message is printed this government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government for reasons made public in a communication to the former Nicaraguan charge d'affaires and is intending to take such future steps as may be found most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization. It may later be necessary for me to bring this subject to the attention of the congress in a special message.

Bureau of American Republics.

The international bureau of American republics has carried on an important and increasing work during the last year. In the exercise of its peculiar functions as an international agency, maintained by all the American republics for the development of pan-American commerce and friendship, it has accomplished a great practical good which could be done in the same way by no individual department or bureau of one government and is therefore deserving of your liberal support. The fact that it is about to enter a new building, erected through the munificence of an American philanthropist and the contributions of all the American nations, where both its efficiency of administration and expense of maintenance will naturally be much augmented, further entitles it to special consideration.

The Far East.

In the far east this government preserves unchanged its policy of supporting the principle of equality of opportunity and scrupulous respect for the integrity of the Chinese empire, to which policy are pledged the interested powers of both east and west.

By the treaty of 1903 China has undertaken the abolition of *likin* with a moderate and proportionate raising of the customs tariff along with currency reform. These reforms being of manifest advantage to foreign commerce as well as to the interests of China, this government is endeavoring to facilitate these measures and the needful acquiescence of the treaty powers. When it appeared that Chinese *likin* revenues were to be hypothecated to foreign bankers in connection with a great railway project it was obvious that the governments whose nationals held this loan would have a certain direct interest in the question of the carrying out by China of the reforms in question. Because this railroad loan represented a practical and real application of the open door policy through co-operation with China by interested powers, as well as because of its relations to the reforms referred to above, the administration deemed American participation to be of great national interest. Happily, when it was that this opportunity should not be lost, the indispensable instrumentality presented itself when a group of American bankers of international reputation and great resources agreed at once to share in the loan upon precisely such terms as this government should approve. The chief of these terms was that American railway material should be upon an exact equality with that of the other national joint

ing in the loan in the placing of orders for this whole railroad system. After months of negotiation the equal participation of Americans seems at last assured. It is gratifying that Americans will thus take their share in this extension of these great highways of trade and to believe that such activities will give a real impetus to our commerce and will prove a practical corollary to our historic policy in the far east.

The Imperial Chinese government in pursuance of its decision to devote funds from the portion of the indemnity remitted by the United States to the sending of students to this country has already completed arrangements for carrying out this purpose, and a considerable body of students have arrived to take up their work in our schools and universities. No one can doubt the happy effect that the associations formed by these representative young men will have when they return to take up their work in the progressive development of their country.

The results of the opium conference held at Shanghai last spring at the invitation of the United States have been laid before the government. The report shows that China is making remarkable progress and admirable efforts toward the eradication of the opium evil and that the governments concerned have not allowed their commercial interests to interfere with a helpful co-operation in this reform. Collateral investigations of the opium question in this country lead me to recommend that the manufacture, sale and use of opium and its derivatives in the United States should be so far as possible more vigorously controlled by legislation.

In one of the Chinese Japanese conventions of Sept. 4 of this year there was a provision which caused considerable public apprehension in that upon its face it was believed in some quarters to seek to establish a monopoly of mining privileges along the South Manchurian and Antung-Jiukden railroads and thus to exclude Americans from a wide field of enterprise, to take part in which they were by treaty with China entitled. After a thorough examination of the conventions and of the several contextual documents the secretary of state reached the conclusion that no such monopoly was intended or accomplished. However, in view of the widespread discussion of this question, to confirm the view it had reached this government made inquiry of the Imperial Chinese and Japanese governments and received from each official assurance that the provision had no purpose inconsistent with the policy of equality of opportunity to which the signatories, in common with the United States, are pledged.

Relations With Japan.

Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial, as usual. As the representative of Japan his Imperial highness Prince Kuni visited the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The recent visit of a delegation of prominent business men as guests of the chambers of commerce of the Pacific slope, whose representatives had been so agreeably received in Japan, will doubtless contribute to the growing trade across the Pacific as well as to that mutual understanding which leads to mutual appreciation. The arrangement of 1908 for a co-operative control of the coming of laborers to the United States has proved to work satisfactorily. The matter of a revision of the existing treaty between the United States and Japan which is terminable in 1912 is already receiving the study of both countries.

The department of state is considering the revision in whole or in part of the existing treaty with Siam, which was concluded in 1856 and is now, in respect to many of its provisions, out of date.

The Department of State.

I earnestly recommend to the favorable action of the congress the estimates submitted by the department of state and most especially the legislation suggested in the secretary of state's letter of this date whereby it will be possible to develop and make permanent the reorganization of the department upon modern lines in a manner to make it a thoroughly efficient instrument in the furtherance of our foreign trade and of American interests abroad. The plan to have divisions of Latin American and far eastern affairs and to institute a certain specialization in business with Europe and the near east will at once commend itself. These politico-geographical divisions and the detail from the diplomatic or consular service to the department of a number of men who bring to the study of complicated problems in different parts of the world practical knowledge recently gained on the spot clearly is of the greatest advantage to the secretary of state in foreseeing conditions likely to arise and in conducting the great variety of correspondence and negotiation. It should be remembered that such facilities exist in the foreign offices of all the leading commercial nations and that to deny them to the secretary of state would be to place this government at a great disadvantage in the rivalry of commercial competition.

Improved Consular Service.

The consular service has been greatly improved under the law of April 5, 1906, and the executive order of June 27, 1906, and I commend to your consideration the question of embodying in a statute the principles of the present executive order upon which the efficiency of our consular service is wholly dependent.

In modern times political and commercial interests are interrelated, and in the negotiation of commercial treaties, conventions and tariff agreements, the keeping open of opportunities and the proper support of American enterprises our diplomatic service is quite

as important as the consular service to the business interests of the country. Impressed with this idea and convinced that selection after rigorous examination, promotion for merit solely and the experience only to be gained through the continuity of an organized service are indispensable to a high degree of efficiency in the diplomatic service, I have signed an executive order as the first step toward this very desirable result. Its effect should be to place all secretaries in the diplomatic service in much the same position as consular officers are now placed and to tend to the promotion of the most efficient to the grade of minister, generally leaving for outside appointment such posts of the grade of ambassador or minister as it may be expedient to fill from without the service. It is proposed also to continue the practice instituted last summer of giving to all newly appointed secretaries at least one month's thorough training in the department of state before they proceed to their posts. This has been done for some time in regard to the consular service with excellent results.

Under a provision of the act of Aug. 5, 1909, I have appointed three officials to assist the officers of the government in collecting information necessary to a wise administration of the tariff act of Aug. 5, 1909. As to questions of customs administration they are co-operating with the officials of the treasury department and as to matters of the needs and the exigencies of our manufacturers and exporters with the department of commerce and labor in its relation to the domestic aspect of the subject of foreign commerce. In the study of foreign tariff treatment they will assist the bureau of trade relations of the department of state. It is hoped thus to co-ordinate and bring to bear upon this most important subject all the agencies of the government which can contribute anything to its efficient handling.

As a consequence of section 2 of the tariff act of Aug. 5, 1909, it becomes the duty of the secretary of state to conduct as diplomatic business all the negotiations necessary to place him in a position to advise me as to whether or not a particular country unduly discriminates against the United States in the sense of the statute referred to. The great scope and complexity of this work, as well as the obligation to lend all proper aid to our expanding commerce, are met by the expansion of the bureau of trade relations as set forth in the estimates for the department of state.

Other Departments.

I have thus in some detail described the important transactions of the state department since the beginning of this administration for the reason that there is no provision either by statute or custom for a formal report by the secretary of state to the president or to congress, and a presidential message is the only means by which the condition of our foreign relations is brought to the attention of congress and the public.

In dealing with the affairs of the other departments, the heads of which all submit annual reports, I shall touch only those matters that seem to me to call for special mention on my part without minimizing in any way the recommendations made by them for legislation affecting their respective departments, in all of which I wish to express my general concurrence.

Government Expenditures and Revenues.

Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditures and sufficiency of revenue. The deficit of the last fiscal year and the certain deficit of the current year prompted congress to throw a greater responsibility on the executive and the secretary of the treasury than had heretofore been declared by statute. This declaration imposes upon the secretary of the treasury the duty of assembling all the estimates of the executive departments, bureaus and offices of the expenditures necessary in the ensuing fiscal year and of making an estimate of the revenues of the government for the same period, and if a probable deficit is thus shown it is made the duty of the president to recommend the method by which such deficit can be met.

Estimated Deficit \$73,075,600.

The report of the secretary shows that the ordinary expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, will exceed the estimated receipts by \$34,075,620. If to this deficit are added the sum to be disbursed for the Panama canal, amounting to \$88,000,000, and \$1,000,000 to be paid on the public debt, the deficit of ordinary receipts and expenditures will be increased to a total deficit of \$73,075,620. This deficit the secretary proposes to meet by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama canal. I approve this proposal.

The policy of paying for the construction of the Panama canal not out of current revenue, but by bond issue, was adopted in the Spooner act of 1902, and there seems to be no good reason for departing from the principle by which a part at least of the burden of the cost of the canal shall fall upon our posterity, who are to enjoy it, and there is all the more reason for this view because the actual cost to date of the canal, which is now half done and which will be completed Jan. 1, 1916, shows that the cost of engineering and construction will be \$207,768,000 instead of \$130,705,200, as originally estimated. In addition to the cost of \$375,201,000. The increase in

the cost of engineering and construction is due to a substantial enlargement of the plan of construction by widening the canal 100 feet in the Cul-de-sac cut and by increasing the dimensions of the locks, to the under-estimate of the quantity of the work to be done under the original plan and to an under-estimate of the cost of labor and materials, both of which have greatly enhanced in price since the original estimate was made.

In order to avoid a deficit for the ensuing fiscal year I directed the heads of departments in the preparation of their estimates to make them as low as possible consistent with imperative governmental necessity. The result has been, as I am advised by the secretary of the treasury, that the estimates of the expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911—that is, for the next fiscal year—are less by \$55,663,000 than the total of appropriations for the current fiscal year and less by \$94,000,000 than the estimates for that year. So far as the secretary of the treasury is able to form a judgment as to future income and compare it with the expenditure for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, including the payments on account of the Panama canal and the public debt, there will be no deficit in the year ending June 30, 1911, but a small surplus of \$712,000.

In the present estimates the needs of the departments and of the government have been cut to the quick, so to speak, and any assumption on the part of congress, so often made in times past, that the estimates have been prepared with the expectation that they may be reduced will result in seriously hampering proper administration.

The secretary of the treasury points out, what should be carefully noted in respect to this reduction in governmental expenses for the next fiscal year, that the economies are of two kinds—first, there is a saving in the permanent administration of the departments, bureaus and offices of the government, and, second, there is a present reduction in expenses by a postponement of projects and improvements that ultimately will have to be carried out, but which are now delayed with the hope that additional revenue in the future will permit their execution without producing a deficit.

I am aware that there is a strong feeling in both houses of congress and possibly in the country against the establishment of civil pensions and that this has naturally grown out of the heavy burden of military pensions which it has always been the policy of our government to assume, but I am strongly convinced that no other practical solution of the difficulties presented by the superannuation of civil servants can be found than that of a system of civil pensions.

Increase in Expenditures.

The business and expenditures of the government have expanded enormously since the Spanish war, but as the revenues have increased in nearly the same proportion as the expenditures until recently the attention of the public and of those responsible for the government has not been fastened upon the question of reducing the cost of administration. We cannot, in view of the advancing prices of living, hope to save money by a reduction in the standard of salaries paid. Indeed, if any change is made in that regard an increase rather than a decrease will be necessary, and the only means of economy will be in reducing the number of employees and in obtaining a greater average of efficiency from those retained in the service.

Close investigation and study needed to make definite recommendations in this regard will consume at least two years. I note with much satisfaction the organization in the senate of a committee on public expenditures, charged with the duty of conducting such an investigation, and I tender to that committee all the assistance which the executive branch of the government can possibly render.

Frauds in the Collections of Customs.

I regret to refer to the fact of the discovery of extensive frauds in the collection of the customs revenue at New York city, in which a number of the subordinate employees in the weighing and other departments were directly concerned and in which the beneficiaries were the American Sugar Refining company and others. The frauds consisted in the payment of duty on underweights of sugar. The government has recovered from the American Sugar Refining company all that it is shown to have been defrauded of. The sum was received in full of the amount due which might have been recovered by civil action against the beneficiary of the fraud, but there was an express reservation in the contract of settlement by which the settlement should not interfere with or prevent the criminal prosecution of every one who was found to be subject to the same.

Criminal prosecutions are now proceeding against a number of the government officers. The treasury department and the department of justice are exerting every effort to discover all the wrongdoers, including the officers and employees of the companies who may have been privy to the fraud. It would seem to me that an investigation of the frauds by congress at present, pending the probing by the treasury department and the department of justice, as proposed, might by giving immunity and otherwise prove an embarrassment in securing conviction of the guilty parties.

Maximum and Minimum Clause in Tariff Act.

Two features of the new tariff act call for special reference. By virtue of the clause known as the "maximum and minimum" clause it is the duty of the executive to consider the laws and practices of other countries with reference to the importation into those

countries of the products and merchandise of the United States, and if the executive finds such laws and practices not to be unduly discriminatory against the United States the minimum duties provided in the bill are to go into force. Unless the president makes such a finding, then the maximum duties provided in the bill—that is, an increase of 25 per cent ad valorem over the minimum duties—are to be in force. Fear has been expressed that this power conferred and duty imposed on the executive are likely to lead to a tariff war. I beg to express the hope and belief that no such result need be anticipated.

The discretion granted to the executive by the terms "unduly discriminatory" is wide. In order that the maximum duty shall be charged against the imports from a country it is necessary that he shall find on the part of that country not only discriminations in its laws or the practice under them against the trade of the United States, but that the discriminations found shall be undue—that is, without good and fair reason. I conceive that this power was reposed in the president with the hope that the maximum duties might never be applied in any case, but that the power to apply them would enable the president and the state department through friendly negotiation to secure the elimination from the laws and the practice under them of any foreign country of that which is unduly discriminatory. No one is seeking a tariff war or a condition in which the spirit of retaliation shall be aroused.

Uses of the New Tariff Board.

The new tariff board enables me to appoint a tariff board to assist me in connection with the department of state in the administration of the minimum and maximum clause of the act and also to assist officers of the government in the administration of the entire law. An examination of the law and an understanding of the nature of the facts which should be considered in discharging the functions imposed upon the executive show that I have the power to direct the tariff board to make a comprehensive glossary and encyclopedia of the terms used and articles embraced in the tariff law and to secure information as to the cost of production of such goods in this country and the cost of their production in foreign countries. I have therefore appointed a tariff board consisting of three members and have directed them to perform all the duties above described. This work will perhaps take two or three years. And I ask from congress a continuing annual appropriation equal to that already made for this prosecution. I believe that the work of this board will be of prime utility and importance whenever congress shall deem it wise again to readjust the customs duties. If the facts secured by the tariff board are of such a character as to show generally that the rates of duties imposed by the present tariff law are excessive under the principles of protection as described in the platform of the successful party at the last election I shall not hesitate to invite the attention of congress to this fact and to the necessity for action predicated thereon. Nothing, however, halts business and interferes with the course of prosperity so much as the threatened revision of the tariff, and until the facts are at hand, after careful and deliberate investigation, upon which such revision can properly be undertaken, it seems to me unwise to attempt it. The amount of misinformation that creeps into arguments pro and con in respect to tariff rates is such as to require the kind of investigation that I have directed the tariff board to make, an investigation undertaken by it wholly without respect to the effect which the facts may have in calling for a readjustment of the rates of duty.

War Department.

In the interests of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit I have required a reduction in the estimates of the war department for the coming fiscal year which brings the total estimates down to an amount forty-five millions less than the corresponding estimates for last year. This could be accomplished only by cutting off new projects and suspending for the period of one year all progress in military matters. For the same reason I have directed that the army shall not be recruited up to its present authorized strength. These measures can hardly be more than temporary—to last until our revenues are in better condition and until the whole question of the expediency of adopting a definite military policy can be submitted to congress—for I am sure that the interests of the military establishment are seriously in need of careful consideration by congress. The laws regulating the organization of our armed forces in the event of war need to be revised in order that the organization can be modified so as to produce a force which would be more consistently apportioned throughout its numerous branches. To explain the circumstances upon which this opinion is based would necessitate a lengthy discussion, and I postpone it until the first convenient opportunity shall arise to send to congress a special message upon this subject.

The secretary of war calls attention to a number of needed changes in the army, in all of which I concur, but the point upon which I place most emphasis is the need for an elimination bill providing a method by which the merits of officers shall have some effect upon their advancement and by which the advancement of all may be accelerated by the effective elimination of a definite proportion of the least efficient. There are in every army and certainly in ours a number of officers who do not violate their duty in any such way as to give reason for a court martial or dismissal, but who do not

show such aptitude and skill and character for high command as to justify their remaining in the active service to be promoted. Provision should be made by which they may be retired on a certain proportion of their pay, increasing with their length of service at the time of retirement. There is now a personnel law for the navy which itself needs amendment and to which I shall make further reference. Such a law is needed quite as much for the army.

Coast Defenses.

The coast defenses of the United States proper are generally all that could be desired, and in some respects they are rather more elaborate than under present conditions are needed to stop an enemy's fleet from entering the harbors defended. There is, however, one place where additional defense is badly needed, and that is at the mouth of Chesapeake bay, where it is proposed to make an artificial island for a fort which shall prevent an enemy's fleet from entering this most important strategic base of operations on the whole Atlantic and gulf coasts. I hope that appropriate legislation will be adopted to secure the construction of this defense.

The military and naval joint board have unanimously agreed that it would be unwise to make the large expenditures which at one time were contemplated in the establishment of a naval base and station in the Philippine Islands and have expressed their judgment, in which I fully concur, in favor of making an extensive naval base at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, and not in the Philippines. This does not dispense with the necessity for the comparatively small appropriations required to finish the proper coast defenses in the Philippines now under construction on the island of Corregidor and elsewhere or to complete a suitable repair station and coaling supply station at Olongapo, where is the floating dock Dewey. I hope that this recommendation of the joint board will end the discussion as to the comparative merits of Manila bay and Olongapo as naval stations and will lead to prompt measures for the proper equipment and defense of Pearl Harbor.

The Navy.

The return of the battleship fleet from its voyage around the world in more efficient condition than when it started was a noteworthy event of interest alike to our citizens and the naval authorities of the world. Besides the beneficial and far-reaching effect on our personal and diplomatic relations in the countries which the fleet visited, the marked success of the ships in steaming around the world in all weathers on schedule time has increased respect for our navy and has added to our national prestige.

Our enlisted personnel recruited from all sections of the country is young and energetic and representative of the national spirit. It is, moreover, owing to its intelligence, capable of quick training into the modern man-of-war's men. Our officers are earnest and zealous in their profession, but it is a regrettable fact that the higher officers are old for the responsibilities of the modern navy, and the admirals do not arrive at flag rank young enough to obtain adequate training in their duties as flag officers. This need for reform in the navy has been aptly and earnestly presented to congress by my predecessor, and I also urgently recommend the subject for consideration.

Early in the coming session a comprehensive plan for the reorganization of the officers of all corps of the navy will be presented to congress, and I hope it will meet with action suited to its urgency.

Owing to the necessity for economy in expenditures, I have directed the curtailment of recommendations for naval appropriations so that they are thirty-eight millions less than the corresponding estimates of last year, and the request for new naval construction is limited to two first class battleships and one repair vessel.

The generosity of congress has provided in the present naval observatory the most magnificent and expensive astronomical establishment in the world. It is being used for certain naval purposes which might easily and adequately be subserved by a small division connected with the navy department at only a fraction of the cost of the present naval observatory. The official board of visitors established by congress and appointed in 1901 expressed its conclusion that the official head of the observatory should be an eminent astronomer appointed by the president and with the advice and consent of the senate, holding his place by a tenure at least as permanent as that of the superintendent of the coast survey or the head of the geological survey and not merely by a detail of two or three years' duration. I fully concur in this judgment and urge a provision by law for the appointment of such a director.

Department of Justice—Expedition in Legal Procedure.

The deplorable delays in the administration of civil and criminal law have received the attention of committees of the American Bar association and of many state bar associations, as well as the considered thought of judges and jurists. In my judgment, a change in the judicial procedure, with a view to reducing its expense to private litigants in civil cases and facilitating the dispatch of business and final decision in both civil and criminal cases, constitutes the greatest need in our American institutions. I do not doubt for one moment that much of the lawless violence and cruelty exhibited in lynchings are directly due to the uncertainties and injustices growing out of the delays in trials, judgments and the executions thereof by our courts. Of course these remarks apply quite as

well to the administration of justice in state courts as to that in federal courts, and without making invidious distinction it is perhaps not too much to say that, speaking generally, the defects are less in the federal courts than in the state courts. But they are very great in the federal courts. The expedition with which business is disposed of both on the civil and the criminal side of English courts under modern rules of procedure makes the delays in our courts seem archaic and barbarous. The procedure in the federal courts should furnish an example for the state courts.

I presume it is impossible without an amendment to the constitution to unite under one form of action the proceedings at common law and proceedings in equity in the federal courts, but it is certainly not impossible by a statute to simplify and make short and direct the procedure both at law and in equity in those courts. It is not impossible to cut down still more than it is cut down the jurisdiction of the supreme court so as to confine it almost wholly to statutory and constitutional questions. Under the present statutes the equity and admiralty procedure in the federal courts is under the control of the supreme court, but in the pressure of business to which the court is subjected it is impossible to hope that a radical and proper reform of the federal equity procedure can be brought about. I therefore recommend legislation providing for the appointment by the president of a commission with authority to examine the law and equity procedure of the federal courts of first instance, the law of appeals from those courts to the courts of appeals and to the supreme court and the costs imposed in such procedure upon the private litigants and upon the public treasury and make recommendation with a view to simplifying and expediting the procedure as far as possible and making it as inexpensive as may be to the litigant of a little means.

The platform of the successful party in the last election contained the following:

"The Republican party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts, state and federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in the federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing thereafter should be granted."

I recommend that in compliance with the promise thus made appropriate legislation be adopted. The ends of justice will best be met and the chief cause of complaint against ill considered injunctions without notice will be removed by the enactment of a statute forbidding hereafter the issuing of any injunction or restraining order, whether temporary or permanent, by any federal court without previous notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the delay necessary to give such notice and hearing would result in irreparable injury to the complainant and unless also the court shall from the evidence make a written finding, which shall be spread upon the court minutes, that immediate and irreparable injury is likely to ensue to the complainant and shall define the injury, state why it is irreparable and shall also indorse on the order issued the date and the hour of the issuance of the order. Moreover, every such injunction or restraining order issued without previous notice and opportunity to be heard of the statute expire and be of no effect after seven days from the issuance thereof or within any time less than that period which the court may fix unless within such seven days or such less period the injunction or order is extended or renewed after previous notice and opportunity to be heard.

My judgment is that the passage of such an act, which really embodies the best practices in equity and is very like the rule now in force in some courts, will prevent the issuing of ill advised orders of injunction without notice and will render such orders when issued much less objectionable by the short time in which they may remain effective.

Anti-trust and Interstate Commerce Laws.

The jurisdiction of the general government over interstate commerce has led to the passage of the so called "Sherman anti-trust law" and the "interstate commerce law" and its amendments. The developments in the operation of those laws as shown by judgments, trials, judicial decision and other sources of information, call for a discussion and some suggestions as to amendments. These I prefer to embody in a special message instead of including them in the present communication, and I shall avail myself of the first convenient opportunity to bring these subjects to the attention of congress.

Postoffice Department—Second Class Mail Matter.

The deficit every year in the postoffice department is largely caused by the low rate of postage of 1 cent a pound charged on second class mail matter, which includes not only newspapers, but magazines and miscellaneous periodicals. The actual loss growing out of the transmission of this second class mail matter at 1 cent a pound amounts to about \$64,000,000 a year. The average cost of the transportation of this matter is more than 6 cents a pound.

It appears that the average distance over which newspapers are delivered to their customers is 291 miles, while the average haul of magazines is 1,049 and of miscellaneous periodicals 1,128 miles. Thus the average haul of the magazine is three and one-half times and that of the miscellaneous periodical nearly four times the haul of the daily newspaper, yet all of them pay the same postage rate of 1 cent a pound. The statistics of 1907 show that second class mail matter constituted 63.91 per cent of the weight of all the mail and yielded only 5.19 per cent of the revenue.

The figures given are startling and show the payment by the government of an enormous subsidy to the newspapers, magazines and periodicals, and congress may well consider whether radical steps should not be taken to reduce the deficit in the postoffice department caused by this discrepancy between the actual cost of transportation and the compensation exacted therefor.

A great saving might be made, amounting to much more than half of the loss, by imposing upon magazines and periodicals a higher rate of postage. They are much heavier than newspapers and contain a much higher proportion of advertising to reading matter, and the average distance of their transportation is three and a half times as great.

The total deficit for the last fiscal year in the postoffice department amounted to \$17,500,000. The branches of its business which it did at a loss were the second class mail service, in which the loss, as already said, was \$63,000,000, and the free rural delivery, in which the loss was \$28,000,000. These losses were in part offset by the profits of letter postage and other sources of income. It would seem wise to reduce the loss upon second class mail matter, at least to the extent of preventing a deficit in the total operations of the postoffice.

I commend the whole subject to congress, not unmindful of the spread of intelligence which a low charge for carrying newspapers and periodicals assists. I very much doubt, however, the wisdom of a policy which constitutes so large a subsidy and requires additional taxation to meet it.

Postal Savings Banks.

The second subject worthy of mention in the postoffice department is the real necessity and entire practicability of establishing postal savings banks. The successful party at the last election declared in favor of postal savings banks, and, although the proposition finds opponents in many parts of the country, I am convinced that the people desire such banks and am sure that when the banks are furnished they will be productive of the utmost good. The postal savings banks are not constituted for the purpose of creating competition with other banks. The rate of interest upon deposits to which they would be limited would be so small as to prevent their drawing deposits away from other banks.

I believe them to be necessary in order to offer a proper inducement to thrift and saving to a great many people of small means who do not now have banking facilities and to whom such a system would offer an opportunity for the accumulation of capital. They will furnish a satisfactory substitute, based on sound principle and actual successful trial in nearly all the countries of the world, for the system of government guaranty of deposits now being adopted in several western states which, with deference to those who advocate it, seems to me to have in it the seeds of demoralization to conservative banking and certain financial disaster.

The question of how the money deposited in postal savings banks shall be invested is not free from difficulty, but I believe that a satisfactory provision for this purpose was inserted as an amendment to the bill considered by the senate at its last session. It has been proposed to delay the consideration of legislation establishing a postal savings bank until after the report of the monetary commission. This report is likely to be delayed, and properly so, because of the necessity for careful deliberation and close investigation. I do not see why the one should be tied up with the other. It is understood that the monetary commission have looked into the systems of banking which now prevail abroad and have found that by a control there exercised in respect to reserves and the rates of exchange by some central authority panics are avoided. It is not apparent that a system of postal savings banks would in any way interfere with a change to such a system here. Certainly in most of the countries in Europe, where control is thus exercised by a central authority, postal savings banks exist and are not thought to be inconsistent with a proper financial and banking system.

Ship Subsidy.

Following the course of my distinguished predecessor, I earnestly recommend to congress the consideration and passage of a ship subsidy bill looking to the establishment of lines between our Atlantic seaboard and the eastern coast of South America as well as lines from the west coast of the United States to South America, China, Japan and the Philippines. The profits on foreign mails are perhaps a sufficient measure of the expenditures which might first be tentatively applied to this method of inducing American capital to undertake the establishment of American lines of steamships in those directions in which we now feel it most important that we should have means of transportation controlled in the interest of the expansion of our trade. A bill of this character has once passed the house and more than once passed the senate, and I hope that at this session a bill framed

on the same lines and with the same purposes may become a law.

Interior Department—New Mexico and Arizona.

The successful party in the last election in its national platform declared in favor of the admission as separate states of New Mexico and Arizona, and I recommend that legislation appropriate to this end be adopted. I urge, however, that care be exercised in the preparation of the legislation affecting each territory to secure deliberation in the selection of persons as members of the convention to draft a constitution for the incoming state, and I earnestly advise that such constitution after adoption by the convention shall be submitted to the people of the territory for their approval at an election in which the sole issue shall be the merits of the proposed constitution, and if the constitution is defeated by popular vote means shall be provided in the enabling act for a new convention and the drafting of a new constitution. I think it vital that the issue as to the merits of the constitution should not be mixed up with the selection of state officers and that no election of state officers should be had until after the constitution has been fully approved and finally settled upon.

Alaska.

With respect to the territory of Alaska, I recommend legislation which shall provide for the appointment by the president of a governor and also of an executive council, the members of which shall during their term of office reside in the territory and which shall have legislative powers sufficient to enable it to give to the territory local laws adapted to its present growth. I strongly deprecate legislation looking to the election of a territorial legislature in that vast district. The lack of permanence of residence of a large part of the present population and the small number of the people who either permanently or temporarily reside in the district as compared with its vast expanse and the variety of the interests that have to be subserved make it altogether unfitting, in my judgment, to provide for a popular election of a legislative body. The present system is not adequate and does not furnish the character of local control that ought to be there. The only compromise it seems to me which may give needed local legislation and secure a conservative government is the one I propose.

Conservation of Natural Resources.

In several departments there is presented the necessity for legislation looking to the further conservation of our national resources, and the subject is one of such importance as to require a more detailed and extended discussion than can be entered upon in this communication. For that reason I shall take an early opportunity to send a special message to congress on the subject of the improvement of our waterways, upon the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semiarid and swamp lands, upon the preservation of our forests and the reforestation of suitable areas, upon the reclassification of the public domain with a view of separating from agricultural settlement mineral, coal and phosphate lands and sites belonging to the government bordering on streams suitable for the utilization of water power.

Department of Agriculture.

I commend to your careful consideration the report of the secretary of agriculture as showing the immense sphere of usefulness which that department now fills and the wonderful addition to the wealth of the nation made by the farmers of this country in the crops of the current year.

Department of Commerce and Labor.

The Lighthouse Board.

The lighthouse board now discharges its duties under the department of commerce and labor. For upward of forty years this board has been constituted of military and naval officers and two or three men of science, with such an absence of a duly constituted executive head that it is marvelous what work has been accomplished. In the period of construction the energy and enthusiasm of all the members prevented the inherent defects of the system from interfering greatly with the beneficial work of the board, but now that the work is chiefly confined to maintenance and repair, for which purpose the country is divided into sixteen districts, to which are assigned an engineer officer of the army and an inspector of the navy, each with a lighthouse tender and the needed plant for his work, it has become apparent by the frequent friction that arises, due to the absence of any central independent authority, that there must be a complete reorganization of the board. I concede the advantage of keeping in the system the rigidity of discipline that the presence of naval and military officers in charge insures, but unless the presence of such officers in the board can be made consistent with a responsible executive head that shall have proper authority I recommend the transfer of control over the lighthouses to a suitable civilian bureau. This is in accordance with the judgment of competent persons who are familiar with the workings of the present system. I am confident that a reorganization can be effected which shall avoid the recurrence of friction between members, instances of which have been officially brought to my attention, and that by such reorganization greater efficiency and a substantial reduction in the expense of operation can be brought about.

Consolidation of Bureaus.

I request congressional authority to enable the secretary of commerce and labor to unite the bureaus of manufactures and statistics. This was recommended by a competent committee appointed in the previous administration for the purpose of suggesting

changes in the interest of economy and efficiency and is requested by the secretary.

The White Slave Trade.

I greatly regret to have to say that the investigation made in the bureau of immigration and other sources of information lead to the view that there is urgent necessity for additional legislation and greater executive activity to suppress the recruiting of the ranks of prostitutes from the streams of immigration into this country—an evil which, for want of a better name, has been called "the white slave trade." I believe it to be constitutional to forbid under penalty the transportation of persons for purposes of prostitution across national and state lines, and by appropriating a fund of \$50,000 to be used by the secretary of commerce and labor for the employment of special inspectors it will be possible to bring those responsible for this trade to indictment and conviction under a federal law.

Bureau of Health.

For a very considerable period a movement has been gathering strength, especially among the members of the medical profession, in favor of a concentration of the instruments of the national government which have to do with the promotion of public health. The work of the United States civil service commission has been performed to the general satisfaction of the executive officers with whom the commission has been brought into official communication. The volume of that work and its variety and extent have under new laws, such as the census act and new executive orders, greatly increased. The activities of the commission required by the statutes have reached to every portion of the public domain.

The accommodations of the commission are most inadequate for its needs. I call your attention to its request for increase in those accommodations, as will appear from the annual report for this year.

Political Contributions.

I urgently recommend to congress that a law be passed requiring that candidates in elections of members of the house of representatives and committees in charge of their candidacy and campaign file in a proper office of the United States government a statement of the contributions received and of the expenditures incurred in the campaign for such elections and that similar legislation be enacted in respect to all other elections which are constitutionally within the control of congress.

Somocentennial of Negro Freedom.

The year 1913 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the emancipation proclamation granting freedom to the negroes. It seems fitting that this event should be properly celebrated. Already a movement has been started by prominent negroes, encouraged by prominent white people and the press. The south especially is manifesting its interest in this movement.

It is suggested that a proper form of celebration would be an exposition to show the progress the negroes have made, not only during their period of freedom, but also from the time of their coming to this country.

I heartily indorse this proposal and request that the executive be authorized to appoint a preliminary commission of not more than seven persons to consider carefully whether or not it is wise to hold such an exposition, and if so to outline a plan for the enterprise. I further recommend that such preliminary commission serve without salary, except as to their actual expenses, and that an appropriation be made to meet such expenses.

Conclusion.

I have thus, in a message compressed as much as the subjects will permit, referred to many of the legislative needs of the country, with the exceptions already noted. Speaking generally, the country is in a high state of prosperity. There is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion, and we have just garnered a harvest unparalleled in the market value of our agricultural products. The high prices which such products bring mean great prosperity for the farming community; but, on the other hand, they mean a very considerably increased burden upon those classes in the community whose yearly compensation does not expand with the improvement in business and the general prosperity. Various reasons are given for the high prices. The proportionate increase in the output of gold, which today is the chief medium of exchange and is in some respects a measure of value, furnishes a substantial explanation of at least part of the increase in prices. The increase in population and the more expensive mode of living of the people, which have not been accompanied by a proportionate increase in acreage production, may furnish a further reason. It is well to note that the increase in the cost of living is not confined to this country, but prevails the world over, and that those who would charge increases in prices to the existing protective tariff must meet the fact that the rise in prices has taken place almost wholly in those products of the factory and farm in respect to which there has been either no increase in the tariff or in many instances a very considerable reduction.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

The White House, Dec. 7, 1909.

The Other Side.

Frank Stubbs—I fixed one up them air agent fellers today. Biga Miller—How so? Frank Stubbs—Well, he come sneakin' up to my front door an' one of the lady up the house was in, an' I said no, but the gentleman in the barn an' boss stables is—Boss

GREAT INCREASE In Internal Commerce During Month of October

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The enlarging volume of internal commerce during October is illustrated by the reports to the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor of leading commercial movements in various parts of the country. The improved industrial situation is manifested principally in the very heavy movements of coke and iron ore, demanded by the iron furnaces. The sight and port receipts of cotton, notwithstanding the shorter crop of the year, exceeded like receipts for the first 2 months of the two preceding seasons. The movements of hard and soft coal likewise show an increased volume. The grain movement of the month proved fairly heavy, while the receipts of live stock at interior and eastern markets, mainly because of the shortage in the supply of hogs, were rather light. The traffic activity of the railways, as indicated by the number of cars handled by the various demurrage bureaus, shows a continuous improvement.

Live stock receipts during October at seven leading interior markets, 4,062,236 head, were below those reported for October, 1908 and 1907—4,074,565 and 4,121,805 head. Of the total receipts for the month, 1,130,611 head were cattle, 103,622 calves, 1,274,159 hogs, 1,522,903 sheep, and 31,947 horses and mules. As compared with the corresponding figures for the preceding year, a decrease of almost 30 per cent is shown in the monthly receipts of hogs, while the number of other receipts showed more than corresponding increase over the October, 1908, total. The aggregate live stock receipts for the 10 months of the year, 32,664,100 head, are likewise below the corresponding totals for the two preceding years, the loss being accounted for exclusively by the heavy shrinkage in the receipts of hogs at all the principal packing-house centers. The number of live-stock car arrivals at the seven primary markets is shown as 573,921 for the 10 months, period, compared with 606,974 and 648,080 cars for the same period in 1908 and 1907.

Shipments during the month of packing house products from Chicago, 156,545,571 pounds, likewise show a considerable decline from the figures reported for October, 1908 and 1907—238,458,186 and 240,420,488 pounds. Smaller shipments appear under the head of beef, beef, cured and canned meats, lard, tallow and stearine, the only increase being shown in the monthly shipments of pickled beef. The shipments for the ten months of the year, 1,763,566,106 pounds, show a similar decline, the largest losses appearing in the shipments of fresh beef, canned meats and lard. The monthly report of the eastward trunk line movement of provisions from Chicago and Chicago Junction points shows a total of 83,261 net tons, as compared with 94,366 net tons moved during October, 1908, and 103,942 net tons moved during October, 1907. The figures for the 48 weeks of the year, 387,247 net tons, indicate a decrease of over 15 per cent in this movement. The stocks of meat at five principal packing centers at the end of the month, 89,473,275 pounds, were almost 50 per cent below those reported two years ago, and over 50 million pounds less than a year ago. Live-stock receipts at the four principal Atlantic seacoast cities, 851,130 head, show a considerable decline as compared with the corresponding October, 1908, figures of 928,573 head. This decline was due mainly to a decrease of over 50,000 head in the receipts of hogs, also to a shortage in the arrivals

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SENATOR WHO DECLINED LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS



WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Ill health has forced Senator Culbertson of Texas to relinquish the leadership of the minority in the senate, and it is asserted that either Senator Daniel or Senator Dacon will succeed him. Senator Money of Mississippi is said to have declined the honor because of the fact that his term is nearing an end. Senator Culbertson announced his intention

of giving up the leadership in a letter to Senator Money, and it was his hope that the Mississippi senator would take the party reins in the senate. The Texas statesman announced in his letter that the prospect of too much arduous work during the present session and the condition of his health would not permit him to longer retain the chairmanship of his party's caucus.

The coke shipments for the ten months of the year show a gain of nearly 60 per cent over the corresponding figures of the preceding year.

The larger demand for smelting material by the iron furnaces of the country is also indicated by the unusually heavy iron-ore shipments from Lake Superior and Michigan ports. The aggregate gross receipts for the 10 months of the year, 131,227,963 bushels, show a considerable decline when compared with the corresponding 1908 and 1907 figures of 156,207,289 and 203,763,647 bushels, practically all grains, including flour, showing smaller receipts for the same period of the year. The decline in the receipts is due mainly to the smaller export demand for the various grains at the ports in question.

The monthly coastwise receipts of southern pine at New York, 41,580,666 feet, compare favorably with the receipts of cotton, which for the month of October, 1908 and 1907, receipts of 10,431,552 bushels. The monthly corn receipts, 1,488,418 bushels, on the other hand, were considerably in excess of the October receipts for the last year, while the monthly receipts of flour, 1,821,770 barrels, show a smaller total than a year ago. The aggregate flour receipts for the 10 months of the year, 131,227,963 bushels, show a considerable decline when compared with the corresponding 1908 and 1907 figures of 156,207,289 and 203,763,647 bushels, practically all grains, including flour, showing smaller receipts for the same period of the year. The decline in the receipts is due mainly to the smaller export demand for the various grains at the ports in question.

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PRES. THOMPSON'S STATEMENT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—A statement was issued last night by President W. B. Thompson of the New Orleans cotton exchange, taking exception to certain statements published yesterday in Washington concerning the publication of the report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith. It is declared that the report does not condemn future trading as such, nor as it is conducted on the New Orleans cotton exchange.

That the New Orleans system of "fixed differences" is condemned, and that the New Orleans system of "commercial differences" is not condemned is one of the principal allegations of President Thompson's statement.

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A BRAVE SAILOR Rescued His Mates From a Wrecked Schooner

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Swimming 500 yards through the breakers, hurled on the shores of Turks Island by the recent disastrous West Indian hurricane, Robert Bonenfant, a French-Canadian sailor, carried ashore a rope from the wrecked British schooner Alexandra, over which Captain L. Pothier and four others of the crew reached safety, according to the story told last night by Captain Pothier, who reached here yesterday with his crew on the steamer Boston from Jamaica.

The Alexandra was wrecked at Cockburn harbor, Turks Island, in the height of the recent hurricane. Caught on a lee shore two big cables parted like strings and when an effort was made to claw off the nearby reef with snugly reefed sails the canvas was torn to tatters.

The vessel was then swept onto a reef 600 yards from shore where the huge combers and the jagged coral made quick work of the schooner.

There seemed little likelihood that any of the crew could reach shore alive through the terrific breakers when the schooner broke up, but Bonenfant, wiry and of tremendous endurance, tied a rope about his waist and with reckless abandon dived overboard. Dozens of times he disappeared in the huge seas and then his dark form was seen for an instant in the white tumult of the breakers. Bonenfant was overwhelmed but by superhuman efforts reached the beach. After recovering his breath he fastened the line to a tree and over it his comrades reached shore safely. Through a heavy rain and without food the men remained all night and until they were seen by some of the natives of the place, the next afternoon. The spot where the men landed was one of the narrow keys girding the island, but some of the natives managed to get to the leeward and take the men off.

The Alexandra was a total wreck. She was a tern schooner of 173 tons and was owned by T. C. Wright of Weymouth Bridge. She was launched in 1901.

IN SWITZERLAND PEOPLE ARE ADVANCED IN PRACTICE OF FORESTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Switzerland recognized the benefits of forest protection and development 600 years ago when the forest ordinance of Bern was issued. The Silvwald of Zurich, one of the most perfectly managed and most profitable forests in the world, has been under a working plan since 1669. The Little Alpine republic still reports progress in forest work, and the American consul writing from St. Gall says:

"The government of Switzerland has so carefully regulated the timber output that it has never been permitted to exceed the natural growth. The thick growth of timber on the mountain sides, purposely allowed to become dense, has perceptibly lessened the danger and frequency of avalanches and landslides, which in former times were so frightfully destructive. To control the spring floods in the rivers and streams, massive dams, fortified by thickly planted trees, have been erected at exposed places. In the extraordinary attention paid to its timber lands the government has taken into account also the necessity for sheltering and pasturing cattle, the security of the soil in the roads, and the natural springs, climate, and the control of mountain streams.

"The actual forest area of Switzerland comprises 2,205,508 acres, 21.48 per cent of the entire surface of the country, 77,004 of which belong to the state and 2,128,504 to the various communities, municipalities, and private corporations. Seven hundred and eighty-one acres of the state forest are set aside as a nursery. From this nursery in 1908 over 22,000 young trees were taken and transplanted in the various forests.

"Swiss forests are classed as 'protected' and 'non-protected.' The former are those which are situated on mountain slopes where the imminence of washouts, stone and ice chutes, landslides and avalanches call for the constant exercise of extraordinary care and attention. The 'non-protected' are those on comparatively level ground requiring only ordinary attention to keep them in good condition. Because of the character of the country, the great majority of the forests are 'protected.'

"The law provides that 'the forest area shall not be diminished' and that all forests shall be maintained in a fairly dense condition. Even in private forests close cutting or clearing up is strictly forbidden, especially in exposed places, without the consent of the federal authorities, and then only in small areas and when prompt reforestation is guaranteed. Trees for cutting are carefully selected by forestry experts.

"Through the forests there are excellent roads, made largely by the cantonal authorities. The year 1908 was marked by such activity in road construction that the state, which bears a proportion of the expense, paid to the cantons the sum of \$46,630 on their account alone.

"Spruce is the most important tree in the Swiss forests, and then in order of their importance come the white fir, beech, larch, pine, cypress, and a few other varieties.

"The principal revenue derived from the Swiss forests is from the lumber output; there being no manufactures of resin, turpentine, and similar by-products. To offset the cutting there were planted in 1908 23,096,225 trees, of which 18,031,590 were conifer and 5,064,635 deciduous, and no less than seven tons of seed were sown.

"Statistics of all forestry work in the country are not available, but a couple of cases may be cited which show gratifying returns. The total receipts from the sale of wood in 1908 from 2421 acres of state forests in the canton of St. Gall are given as \$24,457.47 and the expenditure as \$1,041.81, leaving a net profit of \$23,415.66. In the forests of the town of Winterthur, amounting to 2333 acres, the receipts were \$51,174.63 and the expenses \$21,634.50, leaving a net profit of \$29,540.13, or an average profit of about \$10.42 per acre.

"It is not to be presumed that the revenue from the entire Swiss forest area can be approximated by taking as a basis the earnings of the St. Gall or Winterthur forests, which have been for many years under most intelligent and excellent management but the universal opinion among forestry officials is that the jealous care with which the Swiss timber lands have been guarded has vastly benefited both national and cantonal treasuries from the financial point of view."

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A FAST BOAT

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Fred Wright of Glens Falls, formerly of Hartford, N. H., and Arthur Cote of Bradford, Me., fought a whirlwind 10 rounds to a draw here last night. Until the 5th round Wright had it all his way, but during the last three rounds Cote rallied strongly.

MAY BE CONTEST

Over the Will of a Millionaire

ATTLEBORO, Dec. 7.—Miss Almida E. Winters of Briggs corner, Attleboro, is a distant relative of John Master-son Burke of New York, the millionaire who died last week and who was widely known as the founder of the Winifred Materson Burke relief association.

The funeral of Mr. Burke took place yesterday and Miss Winters is awaiting with interest the reading of his will. He was 96 years of age and was never married. Some years ago he turned his estate, said to be valued at \$4,000,000, into a trust fund for the Burke relief association, but there was a provision that he was to enjoy the income until his death.

Two years ago the heirs, including Miss Winters of Attleboro, petitioned the New York courts to have him adjudged incapable of attending to his affairs, as he was feeble and scarcely recognized those about him. The petition was dismissed by Justice Scott, in a commission had been previously appointed for the purpose mentioned by Justice Hendrick, but the decision of Justice Scott dismissed it.

Although Mr. Burke never married he had 14 relatives, and during the past few years they have made several attempts to change the provisions by which the immense fortune was turned into a trust fund, but their efforts were not successful.

Miss Winters said last night that the will will probably be contested. The heirs, they have made several attempts to change the provisions by which the immense fortune was turned into a trust fund, but their efforts were not successful.

COMMANDER PEARY'S STORY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Commander Peary told again last night the story of his discovery of the North Pole in a lecture before the American Geographical society.

Many of the pictures shown of the hardships endured after the start from Cape Sheridan were applauded. The last camp before the final stand at the pole showed the party making tea by converting ice and snow into boiling water on cylindrical alcohol stoves.

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THE MILK TRUST HATTIE LEBLANC

An Investigation to be Begun Will be Heard on the Charge of Murder on Thursday

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Indications yesterday were that the state investigation of the so-called milk trust will be far-reaching.

Following the appointment by the supreme court yesterday of a referee to take testimony here and in Albany, it was learned that the investigation, which will be begun on Thursday next, will extend to the up-state milk interests for the purpose of determining the causes for the apparent wide discrepancy indicated by currently published quotations between the price paid the producer and that paid by the consumer.

The investigation is directed against the Consolidated Milk exchange and several large milk companies in this city. Officers of these companies are

required to appear for examination with their records and books.

Attorney General O'Malley's petition charges that through the Consolidated Milk exchange the prices paid the producer and charged the consumer are "arbitrarily fixed" and that action of the members and stockholders in raising the price of bottled milk from 8 to 9 cents "was a conspiracy to unlawfully and illegally advance the price," made possible by their alleged monopoly of the supply.

It is further declared in the petition that the advance was not due to an increase in the price paid the producers nor to additional cost of handling, but was to "provide additional profits to the individuals and additional dividends" on stock of the corporations.

It is alleged that the so-called trust controls about 90 per cent of all milk available for consumption within New York city.

WALTHAM, Dec. 7.—Hattie LeBlanc will be brought from Cambridge jail Wednesday morning and given a hearing before Judge Luce on the charge of murder. Dist. Atty. John J. Higgins will conduct the case for the prosecution if he can get away from the Harmon trial. If he finds that he cannot appear here, Mr. Higgins will send his assistant, Mr. Weir.

Among the witnesses for the government will probably be Drs. Cousins, Dowd and MacDonald, Thomas H. Connors, who aided Glover in reaching the hospital; Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, the widow, and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Freeman of Auburndale.

It is not the intention of the government to put in any more evidence than is deemed necessary to hold the girl for the superior court.

The antemortem statement of Clarence P. Glover as taken by George L. Leslie, a justice of the peace, will be submitted as evidence at this time. Chief McKenna has said that too little importance has been attached to this statement by the newspapers, while the police have always regarded

it of primary importance. On the other hand, it has been said by those present at the deathbed that Glover did not appear to be very willing to talk, and everything that he did say was obtained only after much persuasion on the part of those who were questioning him.

All of these things, together with the other peculiarities with which the case abounds, has made the people of Waltham believe that all of the facts have not yet been made known.

The Hattie LeBlanc has told her attorneys a far different story from the one she told the police. It is gathered from the very evident way they predict the girl's acquittal when the case reaches the court and the true facts are laid before a jury.

Nathan A. Tufts said last evening that he would only reiterate what he has said before that Hattie LeBlanc would surely be exonerated of any complicity in the death of Clarence P. Glover when the true facts were made known.

Mr. Tufts said he would visit the girl at the jail today and have a final talk with her before the hearing.

He was asked if it was the intention of the defense to introduce any evidence at the preliminary hearing and he replied that it was not. His evidence would be introduced only at the formal trial of the girl at the superior court in Cambridge.

YOUNG WOMAN'S BODY

Was Found in the Cistern of Her Father's Home

FISHKILL LANDING, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The body of Miss Margaret Dauerty, the Vassar student who disappeared Sunday, was found late yesterday in the cistern of her father's home at Hughsonville. Miss Dauerty, who was the daughter of the Rev. William H. Dauerty, wandered away from the care of her friends Sunday morning.

It was known that she had been forced to abandon her studies at Vassar because of mental strain due to overwork, and from the moment her absence was noted there was the greatest anxiety for her safety. The all-night and day search came to a sad ending when a railroad detective found the lifeless body of the girl in six feet of water at the bottom of the cistern. Appearance indicated a carefully planned suicide. The cover of the cistern was in its usual position. It seems that she raised it on edge,

allowing it to fall back into place over her, as she jumped to death below. There were no evidences of foul play.

Miss Dauerty was ambitious to make her first year at Vassar a creditable one. She knew that her father had abandoned a rich parish in New Jersey to accept his small charge in Hughsonville expressly so his daughter might be near enough Vassar to commute. Her ambitions, however, overran her strength and three weeks ago she broke down and was forced to remain at home. The thought that her indisposition had nullified her father's sacrifice for her so preyed on her mind that the family feared she might attempt suicide and tried to keep a close watch on her.

Sunday morning, when her father was at church, furnished the chance she sought. Slipping from the house she reached the cistern and the efforts of many searching parties failed to find her until late yesterday. The distressed parents were inconsolable last night when the sad news was brought to them.

A BIG MUSKRAT

Put Up Hard Fight and Bit Boy

CLAREMONT, N. H., Dec. 7.—When the young son of Arthur L. Fitch, farmer and member of the school board, who lives on Green mountain, went to the barn yesterday morning to feed the horses, he was severely bitten on the hand by some animal that had secreted itself in one of the mangers. The boy was unable to dislodge it and called on his father for assistance. Truman R. McQuaid, a neighbor, happened by and he, too, took a hand in the capture.

The animal fought hard, but was finally dislodged and thrown out on the barn floor, where it was killed with a hammer. It proved to be a muskrat of gigantic proportions, but why it should get so far from water and hide in a

horse barn is a conundrum that local naturalists cannot explain.

It is surmised, however, that the long drought that has lowered the brooks and ponds had sent the muskrat looking for water at the horse trough, and being surprised had taken refuge in the manger.

HE HAD \$450,000

Man Said He Would Kill Himself

BELLEVILLE, O., Dec. 7.—H. A. Plednor of St. Louis, carrying a valise in which there were \$450,000 of apparently negotiable papers, left a train from New York yesterday and announced in the railroad station that he would kill himself.

He seemed demented. The police took him to a hospital and an examination exposed lately healed knife wounds on his neck and arms.

Plednor told the physicians that his associates in St. Louis had conspired to send him to an insane asylum and take his property.

HONORED BY KING

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Hobart Chatfield-Taylor has received from King Emmanuel the order of the Crown of Italy in recognition of the Chicagoan's efforts to make known to America the works of Carlo Goldoni, Italy's greatest dramatist. Mr. Chatfield-Taylor is writing a biography of Goldoni. The French government conferred the cross of the Legion of Honor on Mr. Chatfield-Taylor a year or two ago for his biography of Moliere.

BIG DUAL MEET

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 7.—East and west may meet in track athletics this season if arrangements are made for a dual meet between Yale and Illinois. It became known today that overtures to the New Haven institution had been made by the Illinois managers.

It is expected that Yale is not averse to the idea and contemplates signing a contract if satisfactory terms may be arranged. The desired competition would likely be held on the Eli field.

SEABOARD NOT WELL GUARDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"There is a good deal of rot in all this peace talk," General Leonard Wood told the members of the St. Nicholas society at their annual banquet last night. "We don't need to be a warlike nation, but we want to be ready," he continued. "The American seaboard is not well guarded. We cannot increase the regular army in time of peace and it is imperative, therefore, to increase the national guard, if you wish to protect our country adequately."

ILLEGAL REGISTRATION

Is the Charge Made Against Haverhill Men

HAVERHILL, Dec. 7.—Ten registered voters were arraigned before Judge Fuller yesterday charged with being either principals or accessories to illegal registration. Pleas of not guilty were entered in all cases, and they were continued until Friday for trial.

The complaints are drawn in three counts, five principals being charged with causing their names to be registered as voters when they knew they were not legally qualified; making false statements as to their residences, and in a general count with being illegally registered.

To these complaints William H. Cloheey, Frank W. Honor, John Dickinson, Henry H. Belmont and George H. Curtis pleaded not guilty.

The complaints against William H. Cook, James P. Crane, George McMurphy, David G. Roche, James M. Mahoney and Frank M. Dewhurst are drawn in four counts, charging them with knowingly making false affidavits relative to the principals; making a false oath to the assessors; signing a false statement, and in a general count with making false affidavits relative to the legal qualifications of the applicants for assessments.

There was no response when Mahoney was called though word had been received that he intended to be present. Judge Ryan represented Crane and he said he desired to have the cases disposed of, but as the evidence was largely documentary and he had no witnesses in which to look into the complaints, he would ask for a continuance. There was no objection.

In the matter of bail Judge Fuller said the difficulty in setting it was that the offenses with which the defendants were charged, did not call for fines, Cook, Curtis, Dewhurst and McMurphy were each held in \$1000, while Crane was held in \$500, there being two complaints against him, Hon. Belmont, Cloheey and Dickinson were held in \$500 each.

All of the offenses are alleged to have been committed Nov. 17, when the assessors and registrars were in session. The no-license forces announced that none of the complaints will be entered, and it was hinted that the list would include one hotel proprietor as well as several prominent political workers.

LAVAL COUNCIL

DECIDED CONTESTS IN ITS REGENT BAZAAR

The contests recently held for the benefit of Notre Dame de Lourdes parish, under the auspices of Laval council, Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amorice, netted quite a neat sum for the church.

The principal contest for a diamond ring was won by Miss Cora Renaud, who collected \$278. The second prize, also a diamond ring, was won by Miss Legendre, who brought in \$143.70. The several contests together brought in the sum of \$385.55, which is to be devoted chiefly to the organ fund.

One contest for a gold watch, was won by William Renaud, first prize, and Omer Savigny, second, both receiving gold watches. Another, between Delphis Levasseur and J. Grenon, for a diamond ring, was won by Mr. Levasseur. Mr. Grenon was given a gold locket as second prize. A last contest, for the young girls of the parish, was won as follows: Miss Edwina Lawrence, first prize, gold watch; Miss Blanche Lorange, second prize, gold locket and chain; Miss Blanche Hamilton, third prize, rosary beads; Miss Alma Gagnon, fourth prize, prayer book.

Other prizes, which were drawn for, were won by the following people: Miss Mabel Jones, 25 Rock street, No. 1512, a piano; Joseph Renaud, 81 Cambridge street, No. 426, a portrait of Rev. Fr. Dubreuil, O. M. I., No. 1757, a vase; a portrait of Rev. Fr. Vland, O. M. I.; Miss Mabel Shiley, Gorham street, No. 1770, a ton of coal; Miss Mary Carbo, 36 Winter street, No. 1216, a hat; A. S. Hyman, 51 Central street, No. 1255, a frame; George Trou-

gas, 13 Second avenue, No. 518, a toilet set; Charles Forier, 75 Dalton street, No. 663, a boy's suit.

ROCK ISLAND ROAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Reorganization of the Rock Island railroad was completed yesterday by the election of four new vice presidents to serve with President Henry H. Mudge, as follows: James E. Gorman, first vice president; F. O. Metcher, to be second vice president; John Sebastian, third vice president and E. S. Moore, fourth vice president.

GOING TO WASHINGTON

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 7.—Myra McHenry, who has frequently been arrested for chopping saloons with her hatchet, leaves today for Washington where she says she will keep tabs on congress this winter. When the city officials learned that she wanted to go east they took up a collection to defray her expenses.

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PAIR OF EYEGLASSES lost in Merrimack st. last Friday evening. Reward at 2 Woburn st.

SMALL, IRISH TERRIER PUP lost. Color light brown; weight about 10 lbs. Reward. Any information, please write to 11, Sun Office.

STICK PIN with red stone, surrounded by diamonds, lost on Middlesex st., between Davis & Sargent's and Richardson hotel. Reward at 10 Middlesex st.

PHENIX'S BADGE lost. Reward at 500 Gorham st.

SILVER WATCH and chain found on Central street. Owner can have by calling at 491 Lawrence st.

A PECULIAR FIRE

Was Attended by Several Accidents

REVERE, Dec. 7.—Chief A. L. Kimball of the Revere fire department and Deputy Fire Marshal Silas Smith of the state police are investigating a peculiar fire, which wrecked a small store belonging to Allen J. Brown, corner of Trigg and School streets, yesterday afternoon. The new automobile chemical engine, put into commission last week, was wrecked while responding to the alarm, and Chief Kimball narrowly escaped losing his right arm in the same sequence of accidents.

The fire was started by two small boys, who set fire to a barrel of kerosene standing in the rear of the store. The boys opened a faucet in the barrel and the blazing oil covered the ground in the rear of the building, causing the firemen much trouble. An outside stairway carried the fire to the upper story and caused damage estimated at \$500.

In responding to the alarm from box 15 the auto chemical went up the Revere beach boulevard and in turning the corner at Revere street the rear wheel struck the curb, breaking every spoke. Several men on the rear of the apparatus escaped injury by jumping.

The machine was taken back to the Walden street station and jacked up to remove the broken wheel. While Chief Kimball was reaching under the body of the blocking frame and the rear of the frame, which weighs about two tons, fell across his right arm. The thickness of a plank kept the iron from striking the floor and saved his arm from being cut off. As it was he suffered a severe bruise and lacerations. The broken wheel was the only damage to the engine.

GIBLIN HELD

CHARGED WITH REGISTERING BETS ON HORSES

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 7.—Judge A. M. Copeland of the police court held Eugene W. Giblin yesterday, probable cause having been found against him, on the charge of keeping gambling rooms in the Besse building, where bets were registered on the horse races. The defendant, who was somewhat discomfited at the finding, was held for the grand jury at \$1000.

William B. Blodgett and E. H. Lynde Denig were the complainants in the case. They claimed to have been in Giblin's rooms on one occasion when stock business was at a standstill and to have seen things that gave them the impression that betting on the horse races was being indulged in at a profit to the management.

The alleged that the local municipal administration was "protecting the place." The police commission immediately demanded that the complainants, Denig and Blodgett, show their hands. The evidence was produced and the police immediately took steps to arrest Giblin. The case will come up before the grand jury Dec. 20.

WANTED

GOOD SECOND HAND FURNITURE of all kinds wanted. Highest prices paid. A. S. Edwards, 531 Dutton st.

WOMEN WANTED to take single lessons in the tailor's rule, made easy for dressmakers for Christmas, terms cash. Mrs. J. J. Croves, former principal of Lowell Dress Cutting School, 181 East Merrimack st. All kinds of repairs.

CHILDREN WANTED to board in country. Write on right post city line on Gorham st.

ALL PERSONS WANTED to buy their coal, coke, mill kindling, slab, hard wood and dry maple for fireplace. Tel. 7. Griffin's, 187 Appleton st. Tel. 663.

CHILDREN WANTED to board. Terms reasonable. Nelson, R. P. D. Billerica.

I PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE in cash for any kind of second hand furniture. Call or send postal. W. Fox, 636 Middlesex st.

HELP WANTED

YOUNG MAN of good habits, who can speak French, wanted. Apply at 1 Merrimack st.

COOK WANTED—Assistant cook wanted at 313 Middlesex st., day work. One speaking both English and French preferred.

WOMEN WANTED to canvass and demonstrate for the Perry & Butler's Green, 100 State St. Apply at Perry & Butler's Green, 100 State St.

FIRST CLASS HAND wanted for packing room. None without experience as packer, need apply. Lowell Shoe Co., Stockpole st.

LINE-IN WANTED at once. Apply at Lowell Shoe Co., 50 Stockpole st.

WOMAN WANTED to sell tickets. Palace theatre, Middlesex st. W. Costo.

MACHINISTS WANTED—We have employment for a few more experienced men. Apply Davis & Furber Machine Co., North Andover, Mass.

EXPERIENCED MEN wanted for headmen in Men's McKay shoes. Apply Sun Office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

AN IDEAL HOME is the most desirable in Lowell. I have several desirable in different sections, cottages and two-tenement houses. Excellent trades. Some easy payments. Big values in lodging houses and stores. M. J. Sharkey, Insurance and Real Estate, 22 Central st., room 25, open Saturday and Monday evenings.

FOR SALE

Near Moody st., new two-tenement house, 7 rooms each, all improvements. Price to suit satisfaction.

Good bargains if you want a farm. Near Lowell and village on line of electric cars. 40 acres of land, good set of buildings, lots of fruit. Price \$2500.

In Centralville, near Bridge st., good two-tenement house with all improvements. Price low. Lot of land. Must be sold. Price \$2100.

A nice home in village, near Lowell, 7 room house with all improvements, hardwood floors, good heating, lot of an acre of land, lots of fruit. Price \$1600.

Good trade near Davis sq., cor. Moody st., good 5-room house with improvements, in first class repair, large lot of land. Price only \$2200.

G. L. HUBBARD, 44 CENTRAL ST.

SITUATIONS WANTED

POSITION WANTED as cook, kitchen or chamber work. Please call at 109 Cheever st.

GENERAL HOUSEWORK wanted, or caring for children, by middle aged woman. Inquire 4 in rear of 175 Payson st.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

TEXTILE SCHOOL

NOTES OF THE COMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

The Textile basket ball team will formally open its season tomorrow night when it will meet the fast Boston University team at the school hall. The visitors are especially strong this year, but the local quintet expects to score a victory for it has entered into a strenuous system of practice since its formation.

The gymnasium classes at the school are filling up rapidly. Quite a few of the students have had previous experience in the gym and there is considerable enthusiasm being displayed. It is probable that during the winter there will be an exhibition of fencing, wrestling, box and indoor baseball. The indoor track work will start after the Christmas holidays. There are several meets scheduled for the winter.

LEGAL NOTICES

WASHINGTON SAVINGS INSTITUTION

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 1, 1910. Under authority of Section 10, Chapter 93B, of the Acts and Resolves of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for 1909, I, Maria B. Gleason, of North Billerica, Mass., do hereby give notice that I have written application to the Washington Savings Institution of Lowell, Mass., for a duplicate deposit book No. 2294, standing in my name, which said book is lost or destroyed. Signed, MARIA B. GLEASON.

SPECIAL NOTICES

HORSE CLIPPING by power. First class work guaranteed. Price \$1. 100 Woburn st.

THERE IS NOTHING GREATER than the greatest, and better than the best. A stringing quality of your superior workmanship, a piano for a lifetime. These are the characteristics of the Crown piano. W. F. Trumbull, 101 Westford st.

YOU WILL FIND AT AGNES BEARD'S millinery parlors an elegant line of pattern hats that will be sold under the most reasonable prices. Miss Beard carries only exclusive styles. Everything in line of trimmings marked down. You can have your hat made, or trimmed with, cheaper than at any other place in town. Making fur hats a specialty. 22 Central st. Take elevator, Room 41.

ROOMS PAPERED, \$1.50—we will paper your room with up-to-date wall paper for \$1.75. Postal for samples. L. J. McCarthy, 111 Broadway.

WHAT HAVE YOU? I will exchange 10,000 feet of land on car line in Billerica for cash, or for house or farm as part payment. R. Sun Office.

NOONEN'S HAIN STAIN, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 71.00, 71.50, 72.00, 72.50, 73.00, 73.50, 74.00, 74.50, 75.00, 75.50, 76.00, 76.50, 77.00, 77.50, 78.00, 78.50, 79.00, 79.50, 80.00, 80.50, 81.00, 81.50, 82.00, 82.50, 83.00, 83.50, 84.00, 84.50, 85.00, 85.50, 86.00, 86.50, 87.00, 87.50, 88.00, 88.50, 89.00, 89.50, 90.00, 90.50, 91.00, 91.50, 92.00, 92.50, 93.00, 93.50, 94.00, 94.50, 95.00, 95.50, 96.00, 96.50, 97.00, 97.50, 98.00, 98.50, 99.00, 99.50, 100.00, 100.50, 101.00, 101.50, 102.00, 102.50, 103.00, 103.50, 104.00, 104.50, 105.00, 105.50, 106.00, 106.50, 107.00, 107.50, 108.00, 108.50, 109.00, 109.50, 110.00, 110.50, 111.00, 111.50, 112.00, 112.50, 113.00, 113.50, 114.00, 114.50, 115.00, 115.50, 116.00, 116.50, 117.00, 117.50, 118.00, 118.50, 119.00, 119.50, 120.00, 120.50, 121.00, 121.50, 122.00, 122.50, 123.00, 123.50, 124.00, 124.50, 125.00, 125.50, 126.00, 126.50, 127.00, 127.50, 128.00, 128.50, 129.00, 129.50, 130.00, 130.50, 131.00, 131.50, 132.00, 132.50, 133.00, 133.50, 134.00, 134.50, 135.00, 135.50, 136.00, 136.50, 137.00, 137.50, 138.00, 138.50, 139.00, 139.50, 140.00, 140.50, 141.00, 141.50, 142.00, 142.50, 143.00, 143.50, 144.00, 144.50, 145.00, 145.50, 146.00, 146.50, 147.00, 147.50, 148.00, 148.50, 149.00, 149.50, 150.00, 150.50, 151.00, 151.50, 152.00, 152.5

